Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council

JUNE 2023
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YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
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Attendance Record for January– December 2023

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Consumer	Open	Open							CANCELED					
Medical Control	Kevin Hodges MPD	Designee	X		X		X							
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	*Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD, Past Chair*	Danny Herrera, City of Yakima Council	X		X	X		X						
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, WVFD	Open	X		X		X							
Yakima County 9-1-1	Erica McNamara, Director, SunCom 911	Angela Brown, SunCom 911					X							
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager	X				X							
	Diane Koch, *Secretary*	None	X		X		X							

UPPER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Fire Service	Ken Frazier, Gleed FD, *Chair-Elect*	Jim Lange, Selah FD	X	X	X		X		CANCELED					
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jackie Wantland, MultiCare Memorial	Sarah Downen, MultiCare Memorial	X		X	X		X						
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	*Treena Russell, ALS, Chair*	X	X	X	X	X							

LOWER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Fire Service	Tim Smith, Toppenish FD	Joel Byam, FD #5		X	X	X	X	X	CANCELED					
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jody Shively, Astria Sunnyside Hospital	Steve Bews, Astria Toppenish Hospital	X											
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA	Cameron Haubrich, SSFD			X		X	X						

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec
South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	April Borbon	X		X	CAN-CELED		
Yakima Health District – Emergency Response Coordinator	Andy Wilson						

It is the responsibility of the representative to contact his/her alternate when he/she is unable to attend the meeting.

By-Law, Article III

1.1 Each seat will select one representative and one alternate to the Board of Directors. Each seat will be permitted one representative with one vote. Alternates vote in the absence of the regular representative. All members of the Board of Directors shall be selected prior to the annual meeting for the coming year.

1. **Roll call** with 14 members present, 9 representatives, 4 alternates and 1 ex-officio member. Two alternates were voting at this meeting (Per By-laws Article V, Officers/Committee 5.0 Chairperson "The council Chairperson shall vote only in the case of a tie vote." Therefore, his/her alternate would be the voting member).

2. **Guests**: Chad Den Boer SSFD, Crystal Hendrick Data Extractor YVMH (verify),

3. **Approval and correction of minutes**.
   Dave Lynde made a motion was made to approve the minutes from April 6, 2023, and Wayne Guckert seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence – None**

5. **Committee Reports**
   Medical Control: Kevin Hodges
   Next MPD Quarterly Meeting will be July 14th

   We continue to have significant difficulty integrating and training people from paramedic programs outside the states of WA and OR - they consistently do not have RSI or adequate airway management experience. We are working to develop a class to fix this. The Advanced Airway class was a temporary fix but is too advanced for these people and does not serve that purpose well. However, the Advanced Airway class is excellent for trained providers.

   Regional Council: Dave Lynde
   The Regional Council met last Thursday, and a quorum was present. The council was able to approve financial items and minutes from previous meetings.

   April Borbon is our interim SC Region director. She thanked Yakima County for spending all of our grant funds. A training needs assessment, new grant funds and a new grant contract will be sent out to your council in mid-June.

   - **The FY2023-2025 SC Region EMS & Trauma System Plan Update**
     The plan was reviewed and approved by Steering Committee in their May meeting.

   - **WEMSIS Presentation (Adam Rovang)**
     Adam reported that they send out a quarterly newsletter about the WEMSIS program. They have put together a new way to determine participation calculations due to responders responding out of their usual county.
     Recently they sent out a form to update their agency contact information; if you received this, please complete it.
     The DOH is creating an opioid overdose dashboard which combines data from WEMSIS, CHARS, and death record data. This dashboard will go live on August 19 and will be accessible by LHJs and MPDs.
     In the South Central region, 50 of 60 agencies are submitting data to WEMSIS and 97% of EMS responses are reported to WEMSIS which is well above the state average. 75% to 80% of reports are submitted in a timely manner (within one week); the goal is 90% submission

within one week. From the most recent quarterly report, 22,130 records were submitted in the first quarter of the year by the South Central region with a rating of 93.4% data quality. The top data quality issues are missing data such as unit left scene date/time, final patient destination, patient arrived destination time, etc.
Adam will check on the reason for the sudden drop in Benton County reporting.
He also noted that Dr Wittwer in the Southwest Region found a way to have the EMR systems report data faster.

It was noted that both Mabton and Wapato are currently not reporting. Mabton has issues with software compatibility. Waiting to hear back from Chief Clark in Wapato.

- **SW/SC Region Council Contract Extension**
  There was discussion about extending the SW/SC Region Council contract however it was decided to go ahead and renew the contract for two years; the timing of which follows the timeline of the DOH biennial contract. The executive team reviewed the contract; there were no changes from the previous year's contract.

- **Steering Committee**
  This is a short legislative session which mostly focused on the healthcare workforce and behavioral health.
  - The organ transport bill passed.
  - They are working on rules for the 23-hour crisis center program.
  - They are working on a certificate of need for kidney centers.
  - They are completing the trauma designation site visits.
  - Min/max rules are moving forward.
  - The EMS rules revisions are ready for submission.
  - Trauma data has not been reported to the trauma registry since 2021; they are looking for a new vendor.
  - EMS is the focus for the cardiac/stroke workgroup.
  - A bylaws change was made to add the position of Vice Chair which was filled by Dr Tim Bax.
  - They recognized the work done by Zita Wiltgen and her unexpected passing.
  - They also recognized the work done by Rhonda Holden; her rural hospital rep position on the committee is now open.
  - The East Region's request to change their ambulance min/max number from two to three was approved.
  - They reviewed and approved the regional plans; they noted the plans were good but needed more consistency in county profiles.

- **RAC TAC**
  They discussed region council membership; the goal is to have 80% of the positions filled on the regional councils. They discussed training for new Executive Directors.

- **IVP TAC**
  At the last meeting they discussed the major injury prevention programs around the state. The South Central region has the second highest rate of firearm deaths in the state; the East

Region was first. The rate of falls deaths in the state is 69.4%; this rate is 91.6% in the South Central region. The spending plan was approved.

- **Next Regional Council meeting: September 28, 2023.**
  Note: The Regional Council voted to cancel their July meeting.

SunComm: Erica McNamara

- **Staffing**
  - The year started below 50% staffing with only 14 fully trained telecommunicators out of 30 allocations.
  - In the last six months six new telecommunicators were hired and there are currently 10 more in various stages of the recruitment process

- **911 Phone System**
  - The 911 phone system upgrade will take place in mid-August.
  - SunComm is purchasing new phone lines and software that will automate the process for calling back abandoned 911 calls
    - Abandoned 911s occur when someone dials 911 and hangs up before the phone rings.
    - The 911 system interprets this as a 911 call, and they still come into SunComm's 911 system, and we are required to call back the number.
    - This software will eliminate about 16,000 phone calls per year or 10% of our 911 call volume.

- **EMD**
  - We have demoed several the options are being reviewed. Priority dispatch - on the upper echelon. Eliminates some of the subjectivity with the questions and allows departments to pick their level of response. Emergent calls will go straight to dispatch (ie, CPR in progress)

    This also allows us to not respond to certain calls and there is a ride sharing capability.

    The county has been working on a DCR program about $5 million a year available through taxes. A robust program of 16 people with case managers (bachelors), DCRs (masters) and peers (no degree). We are looking into having a DCR in dispatch and will figure out where the team should go (been successful Whatcom County). DCRs will have their own vehicles. We will see what will be approved by the County Commissioners. The county commissioners will have to decide how to split up the funds between internal and external programs. It will take quite some time to develop.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- Winter EMT Course Update – finished in April 19 have taken NREMT. 16 passed first attempt.

- Fall 2023 EMT Course – We have 10 applications, and the application deadline was May 31st. The application is ready to be signed and submitted to the State.

- EMS Program Renewal Application – our program expires in September. We have our application ready for signature.

- We have the following course applications ready:
  Initial EMS Evaluator July 2023 – the exact is being determined (the date determined after the meeting is July 24th).
  Initial EMS Evaluator November 11, 2023
  Refresher EMS Evaluator October 14, 2023
  Refresher EMS Evaluator December 9, 2023
  Refresher EMS Evaluator December 11, 2023
  Fall EMT Course
  Dave Lynde moved to approve all applications, seconded by Kevin Hodges. Motion passed.

  Cameron Haubrich, Sunnyside Fire Acting Chief asked if we have any plans of an IFSAC Instructor 2 course for potential SEI candidates? Per Tony Miller, ES Director not at this time as we do not have the funds or personnel for this course. Discussion followed on the limiting factors to become an SEI.

- OTEP
  - ✓ Filming done for this year, getting ready to start next year.
  - ✓ Module 3 will be released in Ninth Brain later this month.
  - ✓ We are on track to complete Module 4 and the associated workshop.

- The EMS Operations Manager position is open, and it will remain open until we have the position filled.

Yakima Health District: Tony Miller reported
Andy Wilson is the new Health District representative. His first day is today. He will be invited to our meetings.

6. Old Business:
A. Update on Fire District #3 responding on White Pass – the MOU is still in progress.

7. New Business
A. Ambulance RFP – 2nd appeal to county commissioners from ALS was done. The county commissioners took it under advisement and reviewed the appeal the following week at an executive session and decided to not accept a 2nd appeal.
The contract was awarded to AMR, which is currently at County legal.

8. Good of the Order: A motion was made by Dave Lynde to cancel the August meeting, seconded by Jim Johnston. Motion passed.

9. **NEXT MEETING – October 5, 2023, at 14:30**
In Person Location: 2403 S. 18th Street, Classrooms, Union Gap, WA
Zoom
Topic: Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Time: Oct 5, 2023 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Every 2 months on the First Thu, until Dec 5, 2024, 8 occurrence(s)
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Feb 1, 2024 02:30 PM
Apr 4, 2024 02:30 PM
Jun 6, 2024 02:30 PM
Aug 1, 2024 02:30 PM
Oct 3, 2024 02:30 PM
Dec 5, 2024 02:30 PM

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10. **Adjournment** – Dave Lynde made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tony Miller. Motion passed.

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Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
Bi-Monthly 2023 Training Report
Months: March 1, 2023 - April 30, 2023

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/1/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Selah FD, St #21&22 @ 21	20	2.00
3/1/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Selah FD, St #24&26 @ 24	13	2.00
3/2/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Yakima Training Center FD	6	2.00
3/7/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #51	8	2.00
3/7/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Yakima Training Center FD	8	2.00
3/8/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #51	15	2.00
3/8/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #53	7	2.00
3/14/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Naches FD	15	2.00
3/20/2023	2023 ILS Workshop A (IV Skills only)	KCFD#2 @ Bickleton	1	1.00
	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)		6	2.00
3/21/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Nile FD	6	2.00
3/22/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #52	10	2.00
3/22/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #54	6	2.00
3/22/2023	2023 ILS Workshop A	GCFD#8 @ Mattawa	4	1.00
	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)		8	2.00
4/5/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD#5, St#5,6 & 7 @ Sawyer	8	2.00
4/6/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD#5, St#3 & 4 @ Harrah	9	2.00
4/6/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD#5, St#15 @ Mabton	9	2.00
4/11/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	East Valley FD	5	2.00
4/11/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD#5, St#10 @ Zillah	9	2.00
4/12/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Gleed FD	11	2.00
4/12/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Naches Hts FD	6	2.00
4/13/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD#5, St#9 @ Toppenish	17	2.00
4/17/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #91	15	2.00
4/17/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #94	16	2.00
4/18/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	East Valley FD	10	2.00
4/18/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Highland FD	6	2.00
4/19/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD#5, St#14 @ Grandview	20	2.00
4/20/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	East Valley FD	6	2.00
4/21/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #91	17	2.00
4/21/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #94	13	2.00
4/25/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #91	rescheduled by agency	
4/25/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #94	7	2.00
4/25/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD#5, St#11,12 & 16 @ Outlook	10	2.00
4/26/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD#5, St#13 @ Sunnyside	20	2.00
		TOTALS	**347**	**66.00**
		AVERAGES	**10.21**	**1.94**

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IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/1/2023	2022 BLS Workshop A Makeup	Naches Hts FD	2	2
3/2/2023	2023 BLS Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	American Medical Response	17	2.00
3/2/2023	2023 ALS Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	American Medical Response	6	1.00
3/3/2023	2023 BLS Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	American Medical Response	13	2.00
3/3/2023	2023 ALS Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	American Medical Response	5	1.00
4/14/2023	2020 iGel Skills Checkoff Update	West Valley FD, St #51	1	2
4/14/2023	2020 BLS Workshop C	West Valley FD, St #51	1	2
4/19/2023	2020 BLS Workshop A	West Valley FD, St #51	1	2
4/19/2023	2020 BLS Workshop B	West Valley FD, St #51	1	2
4/20/2023	2023 BLS Workshop A	Yakima Training Center FD	7	2
		TOTALS	**54**	**18.00**
		AVERAGES	**5.40**	**1.80**

Instructor/Evaluator Course

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
4/1/2023	Washington State Recertification EMS Evaluator Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	8	4.00
4/18/2023	2023 Instructor Workshop B	YCDEMS Classrooms	6	1.00
4/20/2023	2023 Instructor Workshop B	YCDEMS Classrooms	4	1.00
4/22/2023	2023 Instructor Workshop B	YCDEMS Classrooms	4	1.00
		TOTALS	**22**	**7.00**
		AVERAGES	**5.50**	**1.75**

Specialty Training

Date	Class	Location	Moulage	Hours
4/8/2023	Active Shooter Drill - Moulage	PNWU	**2**	**4.5**
		TOTALS	**2**	**4.50**
		AVERAGES	**2.00**	**4.50**

2023 WINTER EMT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/2/2023	Winter EMT Course - Trauma Overview, Q&A & CTS	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
3/4/2023	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Trauma, Seated Immobilization, Traction Spline, Long bone/Joint and Bleeding Control	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	6.00
3/9/2023	Winter EMT Course - Face, Neck, Head & Spine Injuries and Chest & Abdominal Injuries, Q&A & CTS	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
3/11/2023	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Trauma, LSB & Scoop, Traction Splint & Long Bone & Joint	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	6.00
3/16/2023	Winter EMT Course - Orthopedic Injuries, Environmental Emergencies and Rescue & Transport Operations, Q&A & CTS	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00

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2023 WINTER EMT COURSE continued

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/18/2023	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Trauma & Open Skills Trauma	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	6.00
3/23/2023	Winter EMT Course - Topic at Instructor Discretion	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
3/25/2023	Winter EMT Course - Skills Putting It all Together Trauma 1, Medical 1, Trauma 2, Medical 2	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
3/30/2023	Winter EMT Course - Final Written Exam	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
		TOTALS	**180**	**40.00**
		AVERAGES	**20.00**	**4.44**

GRAND TOTALS	**605**	**135.50**
GRAND AVERAGES	**10.43**	**2.34**