

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



FEBRUARY 2024 MINUTES



YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
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Attendance Record for January– December 2024

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												
Medical Control	Kevin Hodges MPD	Designee	X											
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Open, City of Yakima Council	X											
Law Enforcement	James Moore, YPD	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, WVFD	Open	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											

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	<i>Ken Frazier, Glead FD, Chair</i>	Jim Lange, Selah FD	X											
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	<i>Sarah Downen, MultiCare Memorial Chair Elect</i>	Tiffany Hanshew, MultiCare Memorial												
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	<i>Treena Russell, ALS, Past Chair</i>	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												
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jody Shively, Astria Toppenish Hospital	Joel Cardenas, Astria Toppenish Hospital	X	X										
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA	Cameron Haubrich, SSFD	X											

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec
South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	April Borbon	X					
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, 10 representatives, 2 alternates and 2 ex-officio members. No 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:** Aaron Markham, Yakima Fire Department

3. **Approval and correction of minutes.**

Ken Eakin made a motion was made to approve the minutes from December 7, 2023, and Wayne Guckert seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence**

Received from Jody Shively, RN, Astria Sunnyside Hospital. She will be moving hospitals to Astria Toppenish Hospital and Joel Cardenas will be taking her place at Astria Sunnyside Hospital. Joel will now be the alternate representing Astria and Jody will remain the representative.

5. **Committee Reports**

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges

Working on protocol review and making good progress. Dr. Hodges thanked everyone in Yakima who is assisting with this process. He anticipates, a release by the third quarter of this year.

Next MPD Quarterly Meeting will be Friday, April 12, 2024. Dr. Hodges will be here in Yakima, please attend in person if possible.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

➤ **RAC**

- ✓ Presentation by Aarron on a Regionalize Emergency Care System
- ✓ PCP changes will be needed for the new trauma triage tool. Guidance coming out soon from the State.
- ✓ Regions will be looking into distribution of trauma services across the State
- ✓ RAC strategic plan update – we are good.
- ✓ HB1907/SB5940 creating a MAEMT certification, which would allow EMTs to work in hospital.
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1907&Year=2023&Initiative=false>
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5940&Year=2023>



- ✓ HB2285/SB5986 Balance billing for ground ambulances.
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=2285&Year=2023&Initiative=false>
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary/?BillNumber=5986&Year=2024&Initiative=false>
- ✓ HB2166 Electronic statewide registry for POLST forms as well as alternative evidence of your wishes.
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?billnumber=2166&year=2023>
- ✓ HB1888 Requiring specific receptacles for those departments that take babies at their stations.
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1888&Initiative=false&Year=2024>
- ✓ HB2466 Ambulance wait times at the hospital. This would mean that hospitals will have to pay the ambulance service if they have to “ride the wall” for a significant time before turning over patient care.
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary/?BillNumber=2466&Year=2023&Initiative=false>
- ✓ Scott Williams is the new fulltime EMS and Trauma Care liaison.
- ✓ EMS rules released and in the CR102 phase public hearing on March 7, 2024.

➤ **Steering Committee**

- ✓ Discussion on several bills that they are watching, including the ones already covered.
- ✓ Spoke about the trauma system design.
- ✓ The Steering Committee is planning on bringing a package forward in the 2025 legislative session for increased trauma care funds.
- ✓ Cardiac and stroke report for legislature and it is close to being finalized.
- ✓ The committee is analyzing their fee structure to ensure that the fees charged support the work being done.
- ✓ WEMESIS is close to filing their CR102.
- ✓ A Hospital TAC yearly report and a Trauma Registry yearly report were given. But the report is not current due to the backlog of data identified since 2020.
- ✓ Trauma designation presentation and review of the steps taken so far. They are currently working on a statewide trauma analysis, and Regional EMS and Trauma planning.
- ✓ They are also working on a glidepath for lifting the trauma designation moratorium that is currently in place.



➤ **South Central Region**

- ✓ Officer elections were held. David Lynde will continue as the Chair, Bud Rose Vice Chair, Beki Hammons Treasurer and Cheryl Burrows Secretary.

- ✓ Work groups were set up for Patient Care Procedures and Bylaw reviews.

SunComm: Erica McNamara

➤ **ProQA & EMD**

We finally have a signed interlocal agreement between Yakima County and South Sound 911, so we can piggy back off of their contract and move forward with ProQA. This means we do not have to do an RFP, which saves us time.

We are finalizing some contract language currently. Once the contract language is finished, this will go to the Board of County Commissioners for signature. Once the contract is signed the EMS office can fund the initial purchase/set up and we will be moving forward with implementation.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller/Jeremy Rodriguez

Tony Miller

- The County approved a grant for us to purchase Lucas machines. These have now been purchased and been sent out to agencies. A Train the Trainer was held on Wednesday, January 31st. The agencies are starting their training and hopefully these will be on all trucks by the end of the month.

- We have 2 upcoming mass casualty drills:
 - ✓ April 13th, Full Scale at PNWU Active Shooter Drill. We would like the fire departments' participation.
 - ✓ May 11th, Full Scale Airport Exercise. We will have roughly 45 patients during that drill also. We are asking for participation from the agencies and also this will be good training.

Jeremy Rodriguez

- The Fall 2023 EMT Course finished in December. Nine of 10 students have taken the exam. Of the nine who have taken the exam 8 passed on the first try. The ninth student is retaking the exam soon and the 10th student has stated that they will be taking the exam soon but has not yet set a date.

- The Winter 2024 EMT Course is moving forward. We are one week behind on our schedule due to weather related issues. We do build extra time into the schedule, as it happens almost every year. The students are doing well. Saturday will be their first cumulative exam. We will be setting up the classroom so that it is comparable to a Pearson Vue testing center.

- We are requesting approval of the following courses for this year:
 - 2024 Fall EMT Course
 - 2024 Fall Initial Supraglottic Course (this is part of the EMT course, but we allow providers who are EMTs, but lack this endorsement to attend and gain their supraglottic endorsement)



4 Initial/Recertification EMS Evaluator Courses on April 17th, July 30th, October 12th and December 10th.

Tony Miller motioned to approve all of the courses, seconded by Ken Eakin. Motion passed.

Yakima Health District: Andy Wilson – no update

6. Old Business:

- A. AMR and Yakima County are still in negotiations. There are now only 2 or 3 items that separate the County and AMR. The next meeting is February 22nd, and this could possibly be the last meeting.
- B. Pro-QA Update – done under SunComm report
- C. Bylaws Update – Dave Lynde
 The committee met and reviewed the bylaws. The reason for the review was for alternates as we now only have one upper valley hospital. MultiCare Memorial is allowed an alternate representative per our current bylaws. However, under Section #8 we no longer have a treasurer, so we recommend eliminating that position. Ken Eakin made a motion to approve the bylaws with the recommendation under Section #8, Tony Miller seconded. Motion passed.

7. New Business - None

8. Good of the Order:

For WAC 246-976 the CR102 public meeting is March 7th. Please review if you have time, it is 29 sections and 500 pages, the changes are highlighted. There was a lot of work that went into this and there are a lot of changes. There is an email address that you can send your questions too.
<https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-healthcare-providers/emergency-medical-services-ems-systems/rules-development>

9. NEXT MEETING – April 4, at 14:30

In Person Location: 2403 S. 18th Street, Classrooms, Union Gap, WA

Zoom information:

Topic: Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council

Time: Apr 4, 2024 02:30 PM

Every 2 months on the First Thu, until Dec 5, 2024, 7 occurrence(s)

Jun 6, 2024 02:30 PM

Aug 1, 2024 02:30 PM

Oct 3, 2024 02:30 PM

Dec 5, 2024 02:30 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.



Monthly:

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- 10. Adjournment** – Tony Miller made a motion to adjourn, and Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.



Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
Bi-Monthly 2023 Training Report
Months: November 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/6/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	East Valley FD	9	2.00
11/8/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Gleed FD	8	2.00
11/13/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #91	15	2.00
11/13/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #94	10	2.00
11/14/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Highland & Naches Hts FD @ Highland FD	13	2.00
	2023 Workshop D ILS (Mod 4 Skills)		3	1.00
11/14/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #91	11	2.00
11/14/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #94	14	2.00
11/16/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	East Valley FD	7	2.00
11/17/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #91	8	2.00
11/17/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #94	11	2.00
11/18/2023	2023 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup	FD#5, St#7 @ Sawyer	13	2.00
	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		16	2.00
11/21/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	East Valley FD	10	2.00
12/11/2023	2023 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup	Classrooms	11	2.00
	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		18	2.00
12/13/2023	2023 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup	Classrooms	10	2.00
	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		11	2.00
12/14/2023	2023 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup	Classrooms	5	2.00
	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		6	2.00
12/30/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	Classrooms	11	2.00
	2023 Workshop A ILS (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup		1	1.00
	2023 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills) Makeup		15	2.00
	2023 Workshop B ALS (Mod 2 Skills) Makeup		1	1.00
	2023 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup		10	2.00
	2023 Workshop C ILS (Mod 3 Skills) Makeups		1	1.00
	2023 Workshop C ALS (Mod 3 Skills) Makeups		1	1.00
	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		15	2.00
	2023 Workshop D ILS (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		2	1.00
2023 Workshop D ALS (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup	2	1.00		
TOTALS			268	53.00
AVERAGES			8.93	1.77

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/6/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	AMR	3	2.00
11/17/2023	2023 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills)	ALS	2	2.00
11/19/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup	YFD	1	2.00
11/23/2023	Supraglottic iGel Skills Sign Off	DEMS	1	2.00

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IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES continued

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours	
11/30/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	AMR	4	2.00	
	2023 Workshop D ILS (Mod 4 Skills)		1	1.00	
	2023 Workshop D ALS) (Mod 4 Skills)		1	1.00	
12/1/2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	AMR	7	2.00	
12/5/2023	2023 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup	YTCFD	2	2.00	
12/13/2023	2023 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	FD#5, St#13 @ Sunnyside	3	2.00	
	2023 Workshop A ALS (Mod 1 Skills) Makeups		1	1.00	
	2023 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills) Makeup		5	2.00	
	2023 Workshop B ILS (Mod 2 Skills) Makeups		1	1.00	
	2023 Workshop B ALS (Mod 2 Skills) Makeups		2	1.00	
12/14/2023	2021 Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2 Skills) Makeup	FD#5	1	2.00	
12/27//2023	2023 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	ALS	7	2.00	
	2023 Workshop D ALS (Mod 4 Skills)		4	1.00	
			TOTALS	46	28.00
			AVERAGES	2.71	1.65

Instructor/Evaluator Course

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours	
11/11/2023	Washington State Initial EMS Evaluator Course	Classrooms	11	6.00	
12/9/2023	Washington State Recertification EMS Evaluator Course	Classrooms	3	4.00	
12/11/2023	Washington State Recertification EMS Evaluator Course	Classrooms	3	4.00	
			TOTALS	17	14.00
			AVERAGES	5.67	4.67

Fall EMT Course

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours	
11/2/2023	Fall EMT Course - Lecture	Classrooms	10	2.00	
11/4/2023	Fall EMT Course - Practicals	Classrooms	10	6.00	
11/9/2023	Fall EMT Course - Lecture	Classrooms	10	2.00	
11/11/2023	Fall EMT Course - Practicals	Classrooms	10	6.00	
11/16/2023	Fall EMT Course - Lecture	Classrooms	10	2.00	
11/18/2023	Fall EMT Course - Practicals	Classrooms	10	6.00	
11/30/2023	Fall EMT Course - Lecture	Classrooms	10	2.00	
12/2/2023	Fall EMT Course - Practicals	Classrooms	10	6.00	
12/7/2023	Fall EMT Course - Lecture	Classrooms	10	2.00	
12/9/2023	Fall EMT Course - Practicals	Classrooms	10	6.00	
12/14/2023	Fall EMT Course - Lecture	Classrooms	10	2.00	
12/16/2023	Fall EMT Course - Practicals - Putting It All Together	Classrooms	10	8.00	
12/21/2023	Fall EMT Course - Final Written	Classrooms	10	3.00	
			TOTALS	130	53.00
			AVERAGES	10.00	4.08

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Winter EMT Course

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/6/2023	Winter EMT Academy - ASHI HCP Course (Lesson 1)	Classrooms	20	4
11/18/2023	Winter EMT Course - Orientation	Classrooms	20	2
12/2/2023	Winter EMT Course - Reading Comprehension #1	Ninth Brain	18	1
12/28/2023	Winter EMT Course - Medical Terminology	Ninth Brain	18	1
TOTALS			76	8.00
AVERAGES			19.00	2.00

GRAND TOTALS	537	156.00
GRAND AVERAGES	8.01	2.33