

# **Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council**



## **FEBRUARY 2022 MINUTES**



**YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL**  
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**Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council**  
**Attendance Record for January– December 2022**

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												
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	<i>Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD, Chair</i>	Danny Herrera, City of Yakima Council	X	X										
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, WVFD	Open	X											
Yakima County 9-1-1	Erica McNamara, Director, SunCom 911	Open, SunCom 911	X											
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Brian Ireton, EMS Ops Manager		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	Ken Frazier, Gleed FD	Jim Lange, Selah FD	X											
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, YVMH	Open	X											
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	<i>Treena Russell, ALS, Chair-Elect</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		X										
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Katrina Peck, Trauma Program Coordinator, Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open												
Ambulance Service	<i>Wayne Guckert, WSA, Past-Chair</i>	Ken Anderson, SSFD												

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec
South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	Zita Wiltgen	X					
Yakima Health District – Emergency Response Coordinator	Nathan Johnson	X					

**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 11 members present. Seven representatives and 4 alternates. Five 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 alternate would be the voting member).

**2. Guests:** Jacob Grant, ALS, Kate Knudson, Airlift Northwest, and Aaron Markham, Yakima Fire Department.

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes from December 2, 2021, by Dave Lynde, seconded by Joel Byam with the following correction from Tammy Pettis, *"On page 4 of the minutes under steering committee, the trauma registry platform is not up and running for submissions from hospitals. Facilities have been unable to upload any of the 2021 data into the system. The last I heard the are hoping for March."* Motion passed.

**4. Correspondence**

Email received from the Cally Price, Assistant to the City Manager, noting that the Yakima City Council has appointed Council Member Danny Herrera to replace former Council Member Kay Funk.

**5. Committee Reports**

**Medical Control: Kevin Hodges report by Brian Ireton**

The updated protocols are at the State, and we are waiting to hear back.

**Regional Council: Dave Lynde**

The regularly scheduled meeting was canceled due to a light agenda.

❖ **Steering Committee**

- Ian Corbridge gave presentation on COVID 19 surge impacts
- Short legislative session. Feb 15 last day to consider bills in originating house. March 4<sup>th</sup> last day for opposite house.
- SB 5745 HB 1893 Allow EMT to vaccinate outside a public health emergency. The bill has passed the Souse and is currently in committee with the Senate.  
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1893&Year=2021&Initiative=false>



- SB 5724 organ transplant vehicle license requires special license. The bill is currently in committee with the Senate.  
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5724&Year=2021&Initiative=false>
- HB 1703 Modernizing the statewide 911 emergency communications system. The bill has passed the House and is currently in committee with the Senate.  
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1703&Year=2021&Initiative=false>
- SB 5900 Creating a provisional paramedic or emergency medical technician license. The bill has passed the Senate and is currently in committee with the House. The purpose is to allow someone from out of state going through the reciprocity process to use their skills while waiting for state process to finish.  
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5900&Year=2021&Initiative=False>
- SB 5821 HB 1995 Evaluating the state's cardiac and stroke emergency response system. This bill would direct DOH to fund a study to evaluate the cardiac and stroke system. The bill has passed the Senate and is in committee with the House.  
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?year=2022&billnumber=5821&initiative=false>
- ❖ **EMS and WEMSYS Rule** Making work continues with format and review. They are about 2/3 of the way complete.
  - Trauma Registry platform still on hold due to some unexpected challenges.
  - Trauma designation rules: Stakeholder meetings taking place about every 3 weeks through April
  - Virtual trauma designation site reviews to begin. Will return to in person if restrictions change.
  - Presentation from the Hospital TAC annual report and a Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) update.
  - Presentation on managing prehospital patient flow by Dr Eric Cooper.
- ❖ **RAC TAC:**
  - Discussion around improving EMS preparedness planning within EMS TC regions
  - Lessons learned presentation on the Cadaver Lab by WREMS
  - GIS map update from Jason Norris. New layers (put in link) individual boundaries of trauma response maps.
  - Strategic plan update and open regional council positions were discussed. Yakima County has all of their positions filled currently.



- Currently there is a search for a new chair for the RACTAC. This person will come from the Steering Committee.

### **SunCom: Erica McNamara**

Update on staffing: 2 people are in training. We hired 2 and they will start on February 17 and 18. Just closed recruitment. This puts us on track to be fully staffed by end of year.

### **Department of EMS: Brian Ireton**

- The 2022 Winter EMT Course has 14 students currently. We are approximately one-third of the way through. The course is moving along fairly well. We had one issue prior to this that has been addressed and seems to have been worked out. We have a couple more issues come up and we are working through those.
- The 2021 Rural EMT Course has been completed. The course had 8 students and all of the students finished. Of those 8, 6 taken the NREMT test, 3 passed and 3 failed. The 3 failed will be retaking the NREMT test.
- OTEP started this month with the Module 1 didactic uploaded to Ninth Brain. Reminder that Dr. Hodges follows the WAC closely and expects OTEP to be completed quarterly. Dr. Hodges, has quarterly meetings focused on ALS, but all ILS and BLS providers are welcome. The meeting is done over Zoom and is three hours long. The next meeting is in April.
- Approval for the following courses:
  - ✓ Supraglottic Airway Course February 2022 (the private ambulance services are teaching this course for those providers who are not already endorsed by the State)
  - ✓ IV Endorsement Course May 2022-June 2022 last one went well, all students passed
  - ✓ Fall EMT Course August 2022-December 2022
  - ✓ Refresher Courses for EMS Evaluators, 10/8, 12/10 & 12/12
  - ✓ Initial Course for EMS Evaluators 11/12/2022Joel made motion to approve the requested courses, Dave Lynde seconded. Motion passed.

### **Yakima Health District: Nathan Johnson**

Quick Covid update the number of hospitalizations have dropped to 64 as of today. The hospitalizations have dipped on the west side of the State and the east side is about 2 weeks behind. Omicron infections has wiped out the staffing at all 3 hospitals. For example, 200 of the staff was out at YVMH. The National Guard was called in to help YVMH.

Outside of COVID the other notable event was that in mid-January the Red Cross announced their first national blood shortage ever. This is not just at the Red Cross, but any organization that deals with blood has been experiencing huge shortages. All 3 hospitals in Yakima County obtain their blood from the Red Cross. In December, YVMH was averaging 115 units per week and in mid-January this dropped to 52 units per week.

Hospitals are slowly down on using blood as a comfort measure and only using it for trauma and critical needs.



## 6. Old Business:

### A. County Operating Procedures – Dave Lynde

The COPs need to be updated to match Regional Patient Care Procedures and State requirements. The COPS have been renumbered to align with the Regional PCPs.

The only time we need a COP is when we want something different or more restrictive in a certain category than what is currently in the Regional. Dr. Hodges will need to sign off on the COPs, as will this Council, before they are forwarded to the State for approval. It is preferred that we have a consensus within the County before we present these to Dr. Hodges.

Dave Lynde has provided recommendations for changes, elimination or making some procedures guidelines. We need the representatives to this group to take these and review the proposed changes and provide input. For those procedures recommended to become guidelines, the benefit of changing these to guidelines is that these can be adjusted through this council and groups represented on the council and do not require State approval.

Review of proposed changes:

Yakima County Orientation for Paramedics and AEMT we have made changes to this to be in line with what Dr. Hodges wants, but it has never been approved. By making this a guideline, we can make changes as needed without State input.

#5 Triage & Transport is copied directly from the Regional PCPs, as we do have changes in 5.1 and 5.3. This eliminates the need to go the PCPs for part and then COPs for the rest.

- ✓ 5.1 Trauma System Activation Procedures
- ✓ 5.2 Cardiac Triage and Destination
- ✓ 5.3 Stroke Triage and Destination

We have removed names of people and phone numbers.

#6 Medical Control Communications – we had 3 old COPs on communications (6, 8, 11), and these have been combined into one COP. **NOTE: Protocol G4 Communications with Hospital should be reviewed to ensure language matches.**

- ✓ The section regarding MPD duties and responsibilities have been removed, as that is regulated by State RCW and WAC and not something that this body can change.
- ✓ Removed language that stated if one method of communication worked better than another, that is the method you should use.
- ✓ Removed language regarding hospital responsibilities during an MCI and moved this to the MCI COP.

#10.1 Mass Casualty Incident – There are a lot of questions and clarifications needed.

Discussion followed on sending all of our ambulances to a single MCI. Points that were made:

- ✓ If you leave a number in the COP, then the system will fail.
- ✓ Better verbiage is needed, and we need input from the other groups, as the “alarms” mean different things to different agencies.
- ✓ Discussion on having incident command making the call.



✓ This will be taken to the next Fire Chiefs meeting for review and discussion.

#10.3 Infectious Disease – this is not specific to any one disease. Discussion on what is says and what actually happens and who is policing this. Review, make sure we can meet these requirements before we commit to these in a COP. **Note: Protocol G8 Infectious Disease Prophylaxis – review, do we need this?**

Proposed County Guidelines

Discussion on the following COPs that are proposed to be guidelines instead:

COP #2 Controlled Substances

COP #4 Documentation of Pre-hospital Care – **NOTE: This is a Protocol G7 Documentation already.**

COP #12 Provider Orientation & Skills Check List

COP #14 Quality Improvement & Assurance Program CQI

Proposed COPS for Removal:

COP #3 – Definitions

COP #16 – Process for Temporary Workforce Recognition. This is a State function and not at the County level.

It was recommended that the current helicopter COP be eliminated, and the Reginal Helicopter PCP be followed. Joel Byam reminded the group that Dust Off is used by SAR.

**7. New Business – None**

**8. Good of the Order – None**

**9. NEXT MEETING – April 7, 2022, at 13:30**

**In Person Location: 2403 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Classroom B, Union Gap, WA**

**Zoom Information:**

Topic: Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council Meeting

Time: Apr 7, 2022 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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- 10. Adjournment** – Dave Lynde a made a motion to adjourn, Tammy Pettis seconded. Motion passed.





**Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council**  
**Bi-monthly 2021 Training Report**  
**Months: November 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021**  
**OTEP CLASSES**

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/10/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)	Naches Hts FD	8	2.00
11/15/2021	2021 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima FD, St# 91	14	2.00
11/15/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	East Valley FD	5	2.00
11/15/2021	2021 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima FD, St# 94 - class canceled by agency due to wind storm and rescheduled to 12/2/2021		0.00
11/15/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	YCDEMS Classrooms	2	2.00
11/16/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)	East Valley FD	11	2.00
11/17/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	Highland FD @ Cowiche	7	2.00
11/17/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	Yakima FD, St# 91	18	2.00
11/17/2021	2021 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima FD, St# 94	10	2.00
11/18/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	East Valley FD	5	2.00
11/19/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	Yakima FD, St# 91	11	2.00
11/19/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 94	10	2.00
12/2/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 94 (rescheduled from 11/15/21)	17	2.00
12/8/2021	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)	Gleed FD	11	2.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>129</b>
			<b>AVERAGES</b>	<b>1.86</b>

OTEP MAKEUPS				
Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/6/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2)	FD #5, St#7 @ Sawyer	6	2.00
	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)		13	2.00
	2021 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)		4	2.00
12/13/2021	2021 Makeup Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	YCDEMS Classrooms	8	2.00
	2021 Makeup Workshop B (Mod 3 & 4)		5	2.00
	2021 Makeup Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)		11	2.00
12/15/2021	2021 Makeup Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	YCDEMS Classrooms	5	2.00
	2021 Makeup Workshop B (Mod 3 & 4) &		9	2.00
	2021 Makeup Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)		13	2.00
12/17/2021	2021 Makeup Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	YCDEMS Classrooms	2	2.00
	2021 Makeup Workshop B (Mod 3 & 4)		8	2.00
	2021 Makeup Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)		18	2.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>102</b>
			<b>AVERAGES</b>	<b>2.00</b>

IN-HOUSE OTEP MAKEUPS				
Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
12/8/2021	2018 Workshop B Makeup	East Valley FD	1	2.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>
			<b>AVERAGES</b>	<b>2.00</b>



**2021 RURAL EMT COURSE**

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
11/4/2021	Rural EMT - Q&A - (CTS) Critical Thinking Scenario and Documentation	Zoom Live	8	2.00
11/6/2021	Rural EMT - Gastrointestinal, Urologic, Immunologic, Gynecologic Emergencies & Practicals	YCDEMS Classrooms/Zoom Live	8	5.00
11/10/2021	Rural EMT - Q&A - (CTS) Critical Thinking Scenario & Documentation	Zoom Live	8	2.00
11/13/2021	Rural EMT - Obstetrics, OB Lab and Pediatric Emergencies & Complete Medical Skills Signoffs	YCDEMS Classrooms/Zoom Live	8	5.00
11/15/2021 - 12/15/2021	Rural EMT - Ride Time Begins, Expect for Class Days. Scheduled by YCDEMS or your Agency			
11/20/2021	Rural EMT - Trauma Overview & Practicals	YCDEMS Classrooms/Zoom Live	8	5.00
12/2/2021	Rural EMT - Q&A - (CTS) Critical Thinking Scenario & Documentation	Zoom Live	8	2.00
12/4/2021	Rural EMT - Face, Neck, Head and Spine Injuries; Chest and Abdominal Injuries & Practicals	YCDEMS Classrooms/Zoom Live	8	5.00
12/9/2021	Rural EMT - Q&A - (CTS) Critical Thinking Scenario & Documentation	Zoom Live	8	2.00
12/11/2021	Rural EMT - Orthopaedic Injuries, Environmental Emergencies, Rescue and Transport Operations & Practicals	YCDEMS Classrooms/Zoom Live	8	5.00
12/16/2021	Rural EMT - Final Written Exam	Zoom Live	8	2.00
TBD	Rural EMT - Final Practical & CPR & CTS w/Documentation	YCDEMS Classrooms	8	8.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>88.00</b>
			<b>AVERAGES</b>	<b>3.91</b>

**WASHINGTON STATE EVALUATOR COURSES**

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
11/13/2021	Washington State EMS Evaluator Workshop INITIAL Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	7	6.00
12/11/2021	Washington State EMS Evaluator Refresher Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	2	4.00
12/13/2021	Washington State EMS Evaluator Refresher Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	3	4.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12.00</b>
			<b>AVERAGES</b>	<b>4.67</b>



**2022 WINTER EMT COURSE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Hours</b>
11/15/2021	AHA HCP Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	15	4.00
11/20/2021	Instructor Orientation	YCDEMS Classrooms	3	3.00
	Mandatory Student Orientation		15	4.00
12/4/2021	Reading Comprehension #1 Due	Ninth Brain	15	1.00
12/11/2021	Reading Comprehension #2 Due	Ninth Brain	15	1.00
12/30/2021	Pre-Course Medical Terminology	Ninth Brain	15	1.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>78.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>
<b>AVERAGES</b>			<b>13.00</b>	<b>2.33</b>

	<b>Students</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>410.00</b>	<b>123.00</b>
<b>OVERALL AVERAGES</b>	<b>8.91</b>	<b>2.62</b>