Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council

APRIL 2025

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YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
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Attendance Record for January– December 2025

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	X		X									
Law Enforcement	Jim Moore, YPD	Open	X		X									
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, WVFD	Open												
Yakima County 9-1-1	Erica McNamara, Director, SunCom 911	Angela Brown, SunCom 911		X		X								
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager	X	X	X	X								
	Diane Koch, *Secretary*	Chase Tucker, EMS Program Representative	X	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, Past-Chair*	Jim Lange, Selah FD	X		X	X								
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	*Sarah Downen, MultiCare Memorial, Chair*	Tiffany Hanshew, MultiCare Memorial	X		X									
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	*Dave Lynde, AMR Chair-Elect (2026 Chair)*	Treena Russell, ALS	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	Joel Byam, FD #5	Cameron Haubrich, SSFD	X		X	X								
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jody Shively, Astria Sunnyside Hospital	Joel Cardenas, Astria Sunnyside Hospital		X	X	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				
Yakima Health District – Emergency Response Coordinator	Andy Wilson		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 20 members present, 10 representatives, 8 alternates and 2 ex-officio member. One alternate was 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**: Dede Utley, MultiCare Memorial, Kate Knutson, Life Northwest

3. **Approval and correction of minutes**.
   Ken Eakin made a motion was made to approve the minutes from February 6, 2024, and Wayne Guckert seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence –** An application for renewal of the ESSO license for Search & Rescue was received. Approval and a signature are required from the Council.
   Tony Miller made a motion to approve the renewal, Dave Lynde seconded by. Motion passed.

5. **Committee Reports**
   Medical Control: Kevin Hodges
   Dr. Hodges sent a report to the Council as he is currently in Europe:
   Protocols complete and approved by the state DOH. BLS and ILS providers will have a short quiz. The BLS protocol exam has been approved. The ILS protocol exam is being worked on and should be done soon. The ALS providers will also have a quiz before they start using the new protocols. The ALS quiz is not yet completed.

   Regional Council: Dave Lynde
   DOH General Updates:
   - Jessica Tadoravich is the acting Secretary of the DOH; they are currently recruiting and reviewing applicants for this job.
   - The governor asked all agencies to cut their budgets by 6%; the DOH has put forth their budget with these cuts. These cuts may impact the EMS office and the regions. Their office won't be doing new work or starting new projects until the budget is set.
   - All EMS-related bills in the legislature have died except for HB1722 Minors 16+ in EMS training (this would allow 16+ year old students to receive EMS training which needs to be ongoing until they are 18 years old).

   Rulemaking – the State is working on:
   - A package for ambulance balanced billing.
   - Trauma designation standards
   - Rehab designation standards
   - Trauma registry
   - Trauma fund
   - EMS and controlled substances
   - EMS transport to alternate destinations as it was determined that this needs to be in rule and not just in a policy statement.
     Options if the trauma registry is not funded this year include asking again next year and working with ESO on needed changes.

HELMS Update:
Dawn Felt reported that the first phase of the HELMS transition took place in April 2024. The second phase was supposed to happen in mid-February, but some critical issues were found so this was delayed. They may transition to phase 2 in late April, but no date has been set yet. Phase 2.5 will happen this summer, and the final phase 3 transition should take place at the end of the year. They may ask some stakeholders to help with testing the system.

Steering Committee 3/19/2025:
- Membership update:
  Kara Putnam is a new Steering Committee member who represents the WA States Fire Chief's Association. Dr Buck, Beki Hammons, and Tim Hoover have all reached the maximum number of terms they can serve on the Steering Committee, and they will be stepping down. A list of reappointments for the committee was provided for the group.

- Annual Chair and Vice Chair Elections:
  Nominations were closed at the beginning of the meeting for Chair (Dr Roedel from Madigan and Dr Smith Singares from Kadlec Medical Center were nominated) and Vice Chair (Joey Rodrigues, a paramedic was the only nominee). After voting, Dr Roedel is the new Chair of the Steering Committee and Joey Rodrigues is the new Vice Chair.

Trauma Registry Update:
- The backlogged records are nearly complete through 2023. About 28% of the hospitals have completed submissions through 2024. They want to get back on track with a standardized reporting timeline (ie: all records need to be submitted by the end of the following quarter). They will begin sending out quarterly data reports to the regions.

Regional EMS and Trauma Care Planning Cycle/Call for Reviewers:
- Christina gave an overview of the regional trauma plan review process and the importance of Steering Committee participation in this work. They currently have several volunteers to review the plans but need five more volunteers. They would like to have three reviewers for each plan.

Trauma Service Assessment Update:
- Jim gave an update on the trauma services assessment. He said the updated data will be included in the assessment. There is currently a draft of this assessment available online but final drafts will be available in May then again in August before it is finalized in September. The Office of Financial Management is working on cost projections now.

Regional Council March 27
- April reported that the revised PCPs which the region submitted to the DOH will be included in the FY2025-2027 trauma plan then the entire document will be approved at the May Steering Committee meeting.
- Reviewed membership roster, Dede Utley will now be the Yakima hospital alternate rep and Jeremy Rodriguez will be the alternate for Tony Miller.

- The FY2025-2027 regional plan was submitted to the DOH and the DOH sent back the plan with suggested edits. April will update the plan with the suggested edits then have the Executive Board review it before resubmitting it to the DOH by April 9th. The plan will then be reviewed by Steering Committee members, sent back to the region if there are additional edits needed, submitted back to the DOH, then approved by the Steering Committee at their May meeting.
- County FY2025-2026 Training Grant Fund Reminder (May Applications)
  April reported that the region has not yet received their contract from the state, and she does not know if there will be funding cuts to this contract due to the state's budget deficit. County EMS councils are encouraged to discuss and prioritize their training fund needs for the next fiscal year. Grant contracts will be sent to the county councils after the region council's budget and grant fund allocations are approved at the May meeting.
- Discussion on Bariatric Patient Transport: The group discussed the resources available in the region but there was no clear understanding of which agencies would be able to do a transport in the future.
- Regional CQI is in need of members.

SunComm: Angela Brown

- Meeting next week to finalize nurse navigation. Still finalizing the DCR program and cards. April 22nd is the go live date.

- They have one vacancy.

- They have been going around to fire departments to do a Pro QA presentation

Department of EMS: Tony Miller/Jeremy Rodriguez
Tony Miller
Winter EMT Course done and the students are taking their National Registry exams. We have already had one student pass National Registry.

Fall EMT Course 2025 – we will be sending out the announcement and applications soon. That will start in September. Chase Tucker will be the SEI candidate for that course.

BLS Protocol Test we wrote was reviewed and a few changes were made by Dr. Hodges. The test will be pushed out in Ninth Brain within the next few weeks. There is a 22 question bank, and everyone will get 10 random questions from the bank. We are retesting all the BLS providers, as there has not been a protocol exam in the last 5 years, except for those providers who recently completed the EMT course. This is not a medication specific protocol test like the last one.
We are currently working on the ILS protocol test. It needs to be wordsmith and then it will be sent to Dr. Hodges for review and approval.

ALS Protocol test is being written in the Tri Cities and will be pushed out after it is done.

There was an Active Shooter Drill last Saturday at PNWU. We took the new MCI rig out and the crews used the equipment off that. This is the first time we got to use it, and we found a few tweaks we need to make.

Jeremy Rodriguez
OTEP
Module 1 has been out for a while, and we are wrapping that up. We will be continuing with Workshop A through April and then there will be makeups available.
Module 2 sent out this week on 3/31/2025 and the providers have started taking the module.
Workshop B will start in May and be done in June.
Module 3 is in production now and we are hoping to start filming next week.

IV Tech
Coming up in May. We extended the class to 3 weeks. Both students and the field proctors felt the students needed more time to grasp the concepts and have better skills before completing their "Ride Time".

PEAC Airway
Did our first class at the end of March and it went fairly well. The next class is at the end of April and there is one at the end of May. The office is facilitating the class. The instructors are being paid by their agencies

CQI Plan
The plan has been approved by Dr. Hodges and the State. We will be under the umbrella of Dr. Hodges' office.

Yakima Health District: Andy Wilson
The health district is currently monitoring TB cases. We have all the resources we need right now for that. In addition, we are continuing to monitor Pertussis cases.
We are continuing with the Overdose Response Group that we put together a few months ago. I was asked this month to take that over and to shift it to more of a response group. Previously we were trying to combine prevention and response. If anybody would like to be part of the response only group for overdoses, please contact me at the Health District (509-249-6553 or andy.wilson@co.yakima.wa.us). The Healthcare Authority Overdose has just notified us that they have opened up for first responders to be eligible for the free naloxone grant. Previously it was only for the leave behind program, but it is not available for first responders to use for overdose responses.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business

a. COPS – MCI we made the changes. Jeremy reported that we only made the changes and it will be submitted to the State when everything is done.

8. Good of the Order: None

9. NEXT MEETING – June 5, 2025, at 14:30

Zoom Details:

Topic: Yakima County EMS Council (aka Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council)
Time: August 7, 2025, 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
October 2, 2025, 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Dec 4, 2025, 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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10. Adjournment – Dave Lynde made a motion to adjourn, Tony Miller seconded by. Motion approved.

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Bi-Monthly 2025 Training Report
Months: January 1, 2025 - February 28, 2025

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/10/2025	Quarterly MPD Meeting Part 1	YCDEMS Classrooms	40	1.00
	Quarterly MPD Meeting Part 2		40	1.00
	Quarterly MPD Meeting Part 3		40	1.00
	Video and Testing for Module 1 online in Ninth Brain and out to all agencies			
		TOTALS	**120**	**3.00**
		AVERAGES	**40.00**	**1.00**

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/21/2025	ALS OTEP - In-House	SimRoom	6	4.00
1/29/2025	ALS OTEP - In-House	SimRoom	5	4.00
2/10/2025	ALS OTEP - In-House	SimRoom	8	4.00
2/27/2025	ALS OTEP - In-House	SimRoom	4	4.00
		TOTALS	**23**	**16.00**
		AVERAGES	**5.75**	**4.00**

Instructor Workshop Update Class

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/25/2025	Instructor Workshop A	YCDEMS Classrooms	10	2.00
1/28/2025	Instructor Workshop A	YCDEMS Classrooms	5	2.00
2/6/2025	Instructor Workshop A	YCDEMS Classrooms	1	1.00
		TOTALS	**16**	**5.00**
		AVERAGES	**5.33**	**1.67**

Specialty Classes

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/16/2025	Washington State Supraglottic Airway Course - Skills Sign Off (Didactic Done online) - part of EMT Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	2	6.00
1/29/2025	Stop the Bleed/MCI	Grandview PD	7	4.00
		TOTALS	**9**	**10.00**
		AVERAGES	**4.50**	**5.00**

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2025 WINTER EMT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/2/2025	Winter EMT Course - Medical Terminology, Anatomy & Physiology, Life Span Development; Pharmacology and Multicultural Awareness	YCDEMS Classrooms	21	3.00
1/4/2025	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Vitals, O2-Nasal, BVM & Suction, Patient Assessment SAMPLE	YCDEMS Classrooms	21	7.00
1/9/2025	Winter EMT Course - Patient Assessment Part 1 & 2	YCDEMS Classrooms	21	3.00
1/11/2025	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Vitals, O2-Nasal, CPR w/AED, Patient Assessment Medical, Glucometer Training	YCDEMS Classrooms	21	7.00
1/16/2025	Winter EMT Course - Supraglottic Airway Lecture (complete YCDEMS iGel Course in NB prior to class) Airway Management & Respiratory Emergencies	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
1/18/2025	Winter EMT Course - Skills - O2 w/NRB, SGA, BVM & Suction, Patient Assessment Medical and Medication Admin	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
1/21/2025	Comprehensive Review	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	2.00
1/23/2025	EMS systems & Workforce Wellness/Crew Resource Management/Medical-Legal-Ethical Issues/Documentation/Professional Issues & Communications	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
1/25/2025	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Medical (CTS), CPR w/AED and Medication Administration	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
1/30/2025	WA POLST/Q&A/Documentation; Cardiovascular Emergencies; Stroke	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
2/1/2025	Winter EMT Course - Skills - BVM w/SGA & Suction, Patient Assessment Medical (CTS), CPR w/AED and Medication Administration	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
2/6/2025	Winter EMT Course - Medical Overview & Infectious Disease, Neurologic, Endocrine & Hematologic Emergencies, Toxicology & Psychiatric Emergencies	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
2/8/2025	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Medical (CTS) and Open Skills	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00

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2025 WINTER EMT COURSE continued

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2/13/2025	Winter EMT Course - PRACTICE SOAP, Gastrointestinal, Urologic, Immunologic, Gynecologic Emergencies & Geriatric & Patients w/Special Challenges	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
2/15/2025	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Medical, Medication Admin and Open Skills	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
2/18/2025	Winter EMT Course - Comprehensive Review	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	2.00
2/20/2025	Winter EMT Course - Obstetrics & Pediatric Emergencies	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
2/22/2025	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Complete Medical Skills Sign Offs & OB Lab	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
2/27/2025	Winter EMT Course - Trauma Overview	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
		TOTALS	**384**	**87.00**
		AVERAGES	**20.21**	**4.58**

Advanced First Aid and HCP CPR

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/4/25 Sat	Advanced First Aid Course	East Valley FD	11	8.00
1/5/25 Sun	Advanced First Aid Course	East Valley FD	11	8.00
1/11/25 Sat	Advanced First Aid Course	East Valley FD	11	8.00
2/1/25 Sat	Advanced First Aid Course	Selah FD	11	8.00
2/2/25 Sun	Advanced First Aid Course	Selah FD	11	8.00
2/8/25 Sat	Advanced First Aid Course	Selah FD	11	8.00
		TOTALS	**66**	**48.00**
		AVERAGES	**11.00**	**8.00**

GRAND TOTALS	**618**	**169.00**
GRAND AVERAGES	**17**	**5**