Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council

JUNE 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				X							
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Open	X		X		X							
Law Enforcement	Jim Moore, YPD	Open	X		X									
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		X	X	X						
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager	X	X	X	X	X	X						
	Diane Koch, *Secretary*	Chase Tucker, EMS Program Representative	X	X	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	X							
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	*Sarah Downen, MultiCare Memorial, Chair*	Dede Utley, MultiCare Memorial	X		X			X						
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	*Dave Lynde, AMR Chair-Elect (2026 Chair)*	Treena Russell, ALS	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	Joel Byam, FD #5	Cameron Haubrich, SSFD	X		X	X	X							
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jody Shively, Astria Sunnyside Hospital	Joel Cardenas, Astria Sunnyside Hospital		X	X	X	X							
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA	Cameron Haubrich, SSFD	X		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	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 16 members present, 10 representatives, 5 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**: Crystal Hendrick, MultiCare Memorial, Chad DenBoer, Sunnyside Fire Department

3. **Approval and correction of minutes**.
   Ken Eakin made a motion was made to approve the minutes from April 3, 2025, and Tony Miller seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence –** An application to appoint Jeremy Rodriguez to the South Central Regional EMS & Trauma Care Council as the Prehospital/EMS position alternate for Yakima County. Diane Koch made a motion to approve the appointment, and Wayne Guckert seconded. Motion passed.

5. **Committee Reports**
   Medical Control: Kevin Hodges
   New tests are out for BLS and ALS protocol exams.

   Two biggest projects in the works are prehospital blood delivery and administration of buprenorphine prehospital for overdoses.

   Regional Council: Dave Lynde – Jeremy Rodriguez read report
   RAC MEETING
   DOH General Updates:
   - John Nokes is working with SafeTech on the rural health grant. The grant will end August 2029. There is a SharePoint site for rural EMS. They are looking for one more rural transport agency to participate in the grant project. Their meetings are on the third Thursday of each month.
   - **HELMS Update:**
     HELMS 2.5 is live, and they are working out bugs in the system. If people contact the HELMS team with issues about the system, please be nice to them! The next HELMS update will take place in the winter.
   - **Budget Update:**
     Catie Holstein popped in at the end of the meeting and said there will be more cuts coming soon and they will impact us. She will host a meeting for the directors and their Chairs as soon as she has more information.
   - **Patient Care Procedures (PCPs):**
     The Behavioral Health PCP update is on hold until after the plans are approved. Christina will set up a meeting for the group to discuss the PCP content, format, and PCP approval process.
   - **2025-2027 contract matching funds:**
     There was a bit of discussion about how to best document matching funds for the grants for the next fiscal year as well as how to get a waiver for this. Scott is putting together a guidance document on this and will host a meeting with the Directors for additional input when he is developing this document.

- **OD2A grant:**
  Jill gave a report on the next opioid grant (OD2A). This is a five-year grant for $300k to $500k. Regions will receive between $40k to $60k per year for opioid work (linkage to care, Naloxone leave behind, diversion and deflection, etc.). Proposals are due to Jill by July 11th and contracts will be executed on September 1; all work will need to be completed by August 30, 2026.
- **Regional council application update:**
  Christina is working on updating the region council membership application. The group reviewed the draft which is also available on the SharePoint site. She would like comments on the draft. She will also develop a formal resignation process.

Steering Committee

- **Announcements:**
  During May we celebrated National EMS Week, National Trauma Awareness Month and National Stroke Awareness month.
- **Membership:**
  Steering committee members can serve a maximum of three, three-year terms. Mike Hilley, Beki Hammons, and Dr Buck are all retiring from the Steering Committee. DOH staff will work on filling the vacant positions on the Steering Committee and they will also work to fill the TAC chair positions that the retiring members are vacating.
- **DOH Updates:**
  The DOH is in the final stage of recruiting for a new Secretary of Health; the person should be appointed in a few weeks. 16 EMS-related bills were proposed this legislative session; only one passed (16 year olds training to be an EMT). It was a long session with key focus on the $16b billion budget deficit. They discussed priorities for the next legislative session and their priorities work remains the same. The HELMS system update has been made; there will be another update in the late fall. The DOH has already done their first round of budget cuts, a second round will be coming soon. These new cuts may impact the EMS regions (more info to follow on this). The DOH is also funded by several federal grants; this funding is up in the air as the State of Washington is currently in a lawsuit against the feds.
- **Trauma Registry:**
  Jim reported that the backlogged records are nearly all updated. They will now be able to move forward with data analyses through 2023. There has also been a marked improvement in the quality of data collected (completeness, etc.). Data linkage between WEMSIS and trauma registry data is now at 85%. 2024 data collection is at 50% and some reporting has been done throughout the first quarter of 2025. They should be back to the quarterly data submission schedule by the end of the year. ESO will sunset 12 to 18 months after they are notified of this (no info on when this will happen yet).
- **Trauma service assessment:**
  The final trauma service assessment will be published in September then be updated every two years. Next week at the Outcomes TAC meeting (May 27, 1pm) they will give an overview of the high-level data analysis used in the assessment. At the next meeting in August, they will have the final draft ready for review and will discuss next steps.
- **Overview of the trauma plan review process:**
  Christina gave a summary of the plan review process and a summary of plan recommendations. Reviewers liked the plan structure, collaboration framework, and alignment with the Steering

Committee strategic plan. They suggested defining specific metrics, having patient-centric outcomes, fiscal sustainability, and broadening plan considerations.

- **Presentation of plans:**
  All regions gave their plan presentations. The Steering Committee voted to approve all plans.
- **Regional plan changes:**
  Three regions requested changes to their min/max numbers and presentations were given on why these changes were necessary. All requests were approved.
- **RAC TAC annual presentation:**
  Scott gave an overview of RAC work, successes, challenges, and priorities (same as presentation given at yesterday's RAC TAC).
- **IVP TAC annual presentation:**
  Marla gave an overview of the IVP TAC work, successes, challenges, and priorities. They have new falls coalitions in four counties. Their priority work remains the same.
- **IVP data presentation:**
  Dana started to give a presentation on this but the slides were messed up so she will email the slide deck to all meeting participants.
- **Roundtable:** Roundtable reports will be emailed to the group.
- **Next meeting** will be in September; no meeting in July unless a special meeting is called.

South Central Region

- The 2023-2025 Regional system plan will be completed in June. The 2025-2027 was approved at the steering committee meeting.
- The PCPs were approved as part of the Regional Plan. Copies will be sent out as soon as we have the approval letter from the DOH.
- Administrative contract renewal was discussed and approved.
- 2025-2026 budget was reviewed and approved
- July meeting is cancelled.
- Next meeting September 25, 2025

SunComm: Erica

- ProQA is going well.

- Echo level calls (highest acuity calls), approximately 4% higher than the national average. Overdoses are a major part of this.

- Non acute calls are lower than the national average.

- Nurse Health Line, has antidotally stated that we have a "difficult population". Approximately 65% of the calls to the nurse health line are going back to AMR for dispatch. More data needs to be collected. The line is currently not working as efficiently as in other areas of Washington State. Dr. Hodges requested a meeting with Erica McNamara to review the calls after 6 months, to see what changes may be needed to bring down the 65%.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller/Jeremy Rodriguez/Chase Tucker

Tony Miller

- **Pulse Point** – should be implemented in about 90 days. When a call goes into 911, those that are CPR-trained and have downloaded the app will be notified of the location of the cardiac arrest and the closest AED.

- **SunCom 911/DMCC Activation** – A weeks ago there was an MCI incident involving a military vehicle rollover. SunComm was able to contact Tony, and he contacted Jeremy, as he was the DMCC on duty at the time. Jeremy was able to start the process easily. When he contacted the hospitals (Multicare Memorial, Toppenish Community and Kittitas Valley), they immediately started getting ready. There was some confusion, as there is during every MCI. The military helicopter took off and went to Memorial with 4 yellow patients without contact with the DMCC.

  Because the DMCC worked Multicare Memorial had already cleared space in their ER and was able to clear rooms upstairs. Kittitas Valley Hospital was able to take all 7 green patients and had the ER rooms ready when the patients arrived. Toppenish Community Hospital was able to stand down. A big kudos to hospitals.
  - Tony and Jeremy are working with Dust Off to improve communications.
  - Kittitas County does not have a DMCC. Conversations are taking place on rectifying this.
  - The representatives from the hospitals in attendance felt that it went well.
  - Dr. Hodges gave a kudos to hospitals, SunComm, responding agencies and Jeremy for running DMCC.

Jeremy Rodriguez

- **Fall EMT Course 2025** – 11 applications have been received so far. Applications are due by June 18th. The pre-course individual meetings are scheduled 24, 25 & 27.

- **IV Tech Course –** class is completed. Currently the students are completing ride time at Sunnyside FD. A big thank you to Sunnyside FD for stepping up and helping out.

- **Protocol Testing:**
  For Yakima County we have now released protocol exams for all EMTs, AEMTs and paramedics. If any of your providers have not received notification in Ninth Brain that they have a protocol exam due, please have them contact Diane at diane.koch@co.yakima.wa.us

  The initial ALS Protocol test is currently being reviewed by Dr. Hodges.

- **OTEP**
  Module 2 is wrapping up, and Workshop B will be completed in June. Makeups for the workshop will be available.
  Module 3 video is being edited, and the student text has been started. This will be ready to go out at the start of the next quarter.
  Module 4 filming has started.

- **PEAC Airway**
  We have had two classes, one in April and one in May. We plan to schedule more classes this fall. The office is facilitating the class. We have a total of 6 PEAC instructors now. Two are EMS Office instructors and 1 of the 2 is an SEI. He is taking the lead on the PEAC course. The other 4 instructors are with Sunnyside Fire Department (2) and AMR ambulance (2). ALS ambulance also has instructors, and if they would like to come to the office and participate, they are more than welcome.

- **Contract with the South Central Region**
  The training contract for FY25/26 has been received. The funding is *currently* the same at $22,400. It is noted in the contract that this amount can be adjusted based on grant funding from the State of Washington. The contract was reviewed, and a copy of the contract will be sent to all members after the meeting.

  Dr. Hodges made a motion to approved SC Region contract, and it was seconded Ken Eakin. Motion approved.

Chase Tucker

- **AEDs**
  We were approved a budget of $55,000 for AEDs by the EMS Operations Board. We received a grant from Legends for $21,011.30 to purchase additional AEDs. This allowed us to purchase 14 AEDs, which have already been delivered. In addition, we had an AED in the office that was available, which gave us 15 to give to agencies immediately. These AEDS are going to:
  - Toppenish Fire Department is receiving 6
  - Wapato Fire Department is receiving 4
  - Mabton Fire Department is receiving 2
  - Zillah Fire Department is receiving 3

  Per the EMS Operations Board, other departments are purchasing AEDs directly from AMR and then we will be reimbursing them for the cost through an internal grant.

Yakima Health District: None

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: None

8. Good of the Order: None

9. NEXT MEETING – August 7, 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 – Diane Koch made a motion to adjourn, Kevin Hodges seconded. Motion approved.

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Bi-Monthly 2025 Training Report
Months: March 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025
OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/4/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD @ #51	8	2.00
3/5/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Selah FD @ #21	13	2.00
3/5/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Selah FD @ #24	8	2.00
3/6/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	YTC FD	9	2.00
3/11/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Naches FD	13	2.00
3/12/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD @ #51	16	2.00
3/12/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD @ #53	6	2.00
3/13/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	YTC FD	7	2.00
3/17/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	KCFD#2 @ Bickleton	4	2.00
3/18/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Nile FD	4	2.00
3/19/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Selah FD @ #22	5	2.00
3/26/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Selah FD @ #22	9	2.00
3/26/25	2025 ILS Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	GCFD#8 @ Mattawa	9	2.00
	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)		11	2.00
3/26/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD @ #52	11	2.00
3/26/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	West Valley FD @ #54	4	2.00
4/2/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD #5: Stations 5, 6, & 7 @ Sawyer	12	2.00
4/3/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD #5: Stations 1, 3, & 4 @ Harrah	9	2.00
4/8/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	East Valley FD	6	2.00
4/8/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD #5: Station 10 @ Zillah	7	2.00
4/9/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Gleed FD	11	2.00
4/10/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	YFD #91	17	2.00
4/10/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	YFD #94	13	2.00
4/10/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD #5: Station 9 @ Toppenish	6	2.00
4/11/25	Quarterly MPD Meeting Part 1	YCDEMS Classrooms (Includes Adams, Benton, Franklin & Yakima)	81	3.00
	Quarterly MPD Meeting Part 2		81	3.00
	Quarterly MPD Meeting Part 3		81	3.00
4/14/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	YFD #91	12	2.00
4/14/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	YFD #94	12	2.00
4/15/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	East Valley FD	11	2.00
4/15/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Highland/Naches Hts @ Cowiche	16	2.00
4/16/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD #5: Station 14 @ Grandview	20	2.00
4/17/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	East Valley FD	9	2.00
4/18/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	YFD #91	12	2.00
4/18/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	YFD #94	10	2.00
4/21/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Sunnyside Fire, St #72	4	2.00
4/22/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD #5: Stations 11, 12, & 16 @ Outlook	10	2.00
4/23/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD #5: Station 13 @ Sunnyside	5	2.00
4/24/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Sunnyside Fire, St #72	4	2.00
4/24/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	FD #5: Station 15 @ Mabton	4	2.00
		TOTALS	**590**	**83.00**
		AVERAGES	**14.75**	**2.08**

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/13/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	SimRoom (ALS)	6	4.00
3/28/25	2025 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	SimRoom (ALS)	12	4.00
3/30/25	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) BLS,ILS,ALS	YCDEMS Classrooms	1	2.00
		TOTALS	**19**	**10.00**
		AVERAGES	**6.33**	**3.33**

SPECIALITY COURSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/24/25	PEAC Airway Course - Year 1 (includes section 1,2,3,4 & skills)	DEMS Classrooms & Equipment Room	4	8.00
3/26/25	BLS HCP Renewal ASHI Course	Selah FD	11	4.00
4/29/25	PEAC Airway Course - Year 1 (includes section 1,2,3,4 & skills)	DEMS Classrooms & Equipment Room	3	8.00
		TOTALS	**18**	**20.00**
		AVERAGES	**6.00**	**6.67**

INSTRUCTOR COURSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/13/25	2025 Instructor Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	YCDEMS Classrooms	1	1
3/22/25	2025 Instructor Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	YCDEMS Classrooms	7	1.00
3/25/25	2025 Instructor Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	YCDEMS Classrooms	2	1.00
4/7/25	2025 Instructor Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	YCDEMS Classrooms	3	1.00
4/29/25	2025 Instructor Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	YCDEMS Classrooms	1	1.00
4/29/25	Washington State EMS Evaluator Course - Initial/Refresher	YCDEMS Classrooms	13	4.00
		TOTALS	**27**	**9.00**
		AVERAGES	**4.50**	**1.50**

2025 WINTER EMT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/1/25	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Trauma, Seated Immobilization, Traction Splint, Long bone/Joint and Bleeding Control	YCEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
3/6/25	Winter EMT Course - Face, Neck, Head & Spine Injuries and Chest & Abdominal Injuries	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
3/8/25	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Trauma, LSB & Scoop, Traction Splint & Long Bone, Joint & Bleeding Control	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
3/13/25	Winter EMT Course - Orthopedic Injuries, Environmental Emergencies	YCEMS Classrooms	20	3.00
3/15/25	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Trauma & Open Skills Trauma	YCEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
3/20/25	Winter EMT Course - Rescue & Transport Operations	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	3.00

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2025 WINTER EMT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/22/25	Winter EMT Course - Skills - Patient Assessment Trauma, Splinting & Traction - Long Bone, and Open Scenario - Major & Minor Trauma	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
3/27/25	Winter EMT Course - Topics driven by student choice	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	2.00
3/29/25	Winter EMT Course - Skills Putting It all Together Trauma 1, Medical 1, Trauma 2, Medical 2	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	7.00
4/1/25	Winter EMT Course - Final Written Exam	YCDEMS Classrooms	20	2.00
		TOTALS	**200**	**48.00**
		AVERAGES	**20**	**4.80**

GRAND TOTALS	**854**	**170.00**
GRAND AVERAGES	**13.77**	**2.74**