Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council

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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		X					
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Open	X		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	X	X				
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
	Diane Koch, *Secretary*	Chase Tucker, EMS Program Representative	X	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		X					
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	*Sarah Downen, MultiCare Memorial, Chair*	Tiffany Hanshew, 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		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		X	X				
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jody Shively, Astria Sunnyside Hospital	Joel Cardenas, Astria Sunnyside Hospital		X	X	X	X		X					
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA	Cameron Haubrich, SSFD	X		X	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	X		
Yakima Health District – Emergency Response Coordinator	Andy Wilson		X		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, 4 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 Feddema, MultiCare Memorial

3. **Approval and correction of minutes**.
   Ken Eakin made a motion was made to approve the minutes from June, Ken Frazier seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence – none**.

5. **Committee Reports**
   Medical Control: Kevin Hodges
   The biggest update is for Blood Product. Dr. Hodges reported that he is currently in talks with the blood banks and Red Cross. We need to determine whether the agencies in Yakima County would like a single contract (through the EMS Office or MPD Office) or if individual agencies would like contracts at hospitals. That way when the blood is nearing expiration, it could be traded out with hospitals. The framework is in place, we have protocols, and we are working on guidance for the agencies on requirements for storage, tracking and administration of blood.

   A memo will be sent to the agencies requesting response on whether they will be participating or not, and whether they would prefer to go through a central agency or have an agency contract with the local hospital. Chief Haubrich stated that preliminarily Sunnyside Fire Department due to the current contract with Astria Sunnyside Hospital, they would prefer to work directly with them. They will still be open to what is best for the region.

   Re**gional Council: April Bourbon**
   The Regional Council has not yet been funded, so at this time there are no funds to distribute. As soon as funding is received, the information will go out to the counties. The next Regional Council meeting is September 25th.

   SunComm: Erica McNamara
   - We are working with the EMS office to implement Pulse Point. Approximately 90 days turn around. Pulse Point is a software that integrates with EMD system that is public facing, and the public can sign up their AED. It will direct the public to the nearest AED. Tony reported that it will send alert when there is a cardiac arrest within a certain radius telling them where the AED is located and where the patient is located.

   - Nurse Health Line, component of the AMR contract. The patients are run through ProQA, and the lower acuity patients are referred to a Nurse Health Line. This is a dedicated service for 911. The patients are then referred to urgent care, virtual care, helping arrange appointments for primary care later, or if needed, arranging rides with Lyft or Uber. We are not quite 3 months in, so the data that we have is not comprehensive yet. What we are finding is that the return rate of calls coming

back to AMR for transport is higher than anticipated. The Nurse Health Line has assured us that we are on par with what Clark County experienced when they first started. Our return rate is currently at 65%, the average across the nation is 50%.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- **OTEP –** The filming is completed for all of 2025 OTEP. Module 4 should be completed this month. In September we will start filming the 2026 OTEP.

  We are working on getting new instructors, for instance we used a mid-wife for Module 3, this year. She did a good job.

- Jeremy and Chase are attending the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE).

- **Fall EMT Course** has started. They are doing the CPR course tonight. The full class begins the first week of September.

- **IV course complete.** We had seven students take the course and all seven passed and have been certified by the State of Washington.

- **AED Project –** This is the project where we are replacing the AEDs at the fire departments for new CR2. Lower Valley is done, as far as the cities. We received a grant from Legends to purchase those AEDs. Toppenish, Wapato, Zillah, Mabton.
  We have done a few of the departments in the upper valley, including Naches, Highland, Gleed (ordered), Naches Heights (ordered), and East Valley (ordered).
  We are working on purchasing a LifePak 15 for the Nile. It is the down graded version of what the paramedics carry. It can do a 12-lead, but only functions as an AED. Because of the distance it will be nice to have a 12-lead on the patient 40 minutes prior to the paramedic's arrival.

- **PEAC Course –** we are still working on dates for the rest of the year. Jeremy has been working with Sunnyside

Yakima Health District: Andy Wilson

Strategic national stock pile operational environment is changing. Previously it was a 12-hour push package for broad spectrum for medical counter measures. Now it will be tailored specifically to the event. It will not affect us negatively, but we are still figuring out how this will work.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: None

8. For the Good of the Order

a. Dede Feddema reported that MultiCare is closer to opening the stand alone emergency department. The anticipated opening date is November 3rd. Dr. Scott Chapman is director, and he is working closely with Dr. Schmelzer and Dr. Padilla. A nurse manager was hired (Joel Cardenas from Astria). Other positions are not posted yet. The type of diagnostics that will be available are

some high end point of care lab, but not a full lab, radiology and CT. Respiratory Therapy is not available on site.

b. Jody Shively reported that since Joel Cardenas accepted this position, she will be working with her administration to replace him on this Council.

9. NEXT MEETING – October 2, 2025, at 14:30

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

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10. Adjournment – Tony Miller made a motion to adjourn, Ken Eakin seconded. Motion approved.