Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council

DECEMBER 2025

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Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council
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		X			
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Open	X		X		X		X		X			
Law Enforcement	Jim Moore, YPD	Open	X		X									
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, WVFD	Open					X				X			
Yakima County 9-1-1	Erica McNamara, Director, SunCom 911	Angela Brown, SunCom 911		X		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		X	X	X	X
	Diane Koch, *Secretary*	Chase Tucker, EMS Program Representative	X	X	X	X	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		X		X	
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	*Sarah Downen, MultiCare Memorial, Chair*	Dede Feddema, MultiCare Memorial	X		X				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	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	Brian Patrick, Astria Sunnyside Hospital		X	X	X	X		X				X	X
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA	Cameron Haubrich, SSFD	X		X	X	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	X	X
Yakima Health District – Emergency Response Coordinator	Andy Wilson		X		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.

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1. **Roll call** with 15 members present, 8 representatives, 5 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).
   Jody Shively introduced Brian Patrick, who is the new ED director at Astria Sunnyside Hospital

2. **Guests**: Jim Beattie, Gleed FD, Roger Linn and Sarah Linn from EMS Connects.

3. **Approval and correction of minutes**.
   Dave Lynde made a motion to approve the minutes from October with the following change: fix the number of attendees at the October meeting. Tony Miller seconded. Motion passed with the change.

4. **Correspondence – Diane Koch**
   Astria appointing an alternate to the EMS Council – Jody Shively – Brian Patrick will be the new alternate as the lower valley Hospital Representative.

5. **Committee Reports**
   Medical Control: Kevin Hodges – Jeremy Rodriguez report for Dr. Hodges
   Dr. Hodges made contact with Triumph Treatment, and the EMS office is now a part of the process to have access to buprenorphine for Yakima County EMS providers. We have applied for 2 different grants, one through Yakima County and one through BH Core (Behavioral Health) in King County for a total of $1.2 million. There will be training provided for the fire departments and paramedics. We have been notified that the grant request was received by BH Core and we should be notified by December 12th. We do not know what the status is of the county grant request.

   Regional Council: Dave Lynde
   - **DOH** staff is doing pre-legislative work. HELMS will get another update in early 2026, They are working on implementing legislation including ground ambulance rules (almost done) and EMS education for 16-year-olds.

   - **OD2A Updates:** Jill is working on this. They used data to target certain areas with the highest rates of opioid overdoses and will work directly with agencies and county EMS Councils on this grant project.

   - **Trauma Registry:** data is now available through 2024. **EMS KPI** reports with updated data will be sent to regions on a quarterly basis and counties on an annual basis although MPDs can access this data at any time. **DOH staff** are putting together a legislative packet to present to the legislature to request funding for an interim fix for the trauma registry (basically transitioning to a different package with the same vendor until a complete overhaul can be done). The Trauma Services Assessment will be reviewed at the Outcomes TAC meeting on November 25th, prior to the final document being posted. Some of the regions are working on MCI plans and FIFA preparedness plans; this may be a topic at a future Monday DOH meeting with region directors. The DOH is working on a SharePoint news page/monthly newsletter to share DOH information and activities with region and local councils.

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- **Steering Committee**
  - **EMS Rulemaking:** The 2026 legislative session is a short session and runs from January 12 to March 12. The session will focus on budget reconciliation and pre-filed bills. The governor's budget is due on December 16th. The state still has a sizeable deficit; this deficit will be larger than previously anticipated. Their office will focus on access, affordability, and patient safety. They are putting together their budget request for the trauma registry, and they are supporting HB 1545 for cardiac and stroke. Their priority work includes the Rural Health Transformation Plan grant, HELMS, the Trauma Service Assessment, the Statewide EMS Workforce Assessment, and the WISPP EMS Landscape study.

  - **DOH Secretary Worsham Listening Session:** The new DOH Secretary gave a short presentation to the group. He shared his background in various health-related organizations around the state. He is conducting listening sessions with various agencies around the state to understand the challenges the agencies have and how he can help. He said the state is in a big deficit situation and was told that no new revenue requests would be considered during the upcoming short legislative session.

  - **Trauma Service Assessment Update:** There were some administrative delays, but the final draft is ready for approval. This draft is posted on the DOH website for review. The Outcomes TAC will hold a special session to do a final review; the approved draft will be posted on the DOH website when this is completed.

  - The ECS annual report was presented to the group including an ECS Performance Measures presentation.

  - **The Rehab TAC** gave their annual report including a presentation on rehab KPIs

  - **Trauma Resuscitation Guidelines:** The Hospital TAC created a Trauma Resuscitation Guideline document. This is the first set of guidelines for this topic. The guidelines cover preparation, initial assessment, pediatric considerations, geriatric considerations, pregnancy considerations, and quality improvement. The group reviewed the document and the Steering Committee voted to approve it.

- **SCREMS**
  - Min max number changes were approved for Benton and Franklin Counties
  - License downgrade for WSA approved
  - Appointed a new treasurer with Beki Hammond's retirement
  - Approved a Trauma Triage Destination PCP with a Behavioral Health PCP review upcoming.
  - January will be the officer elections.
  - County MCI Plans/Working Collaboratively this is in our work plan—encourage counties to add information in the county MCI plans about working together collaboratively with agencies outside of their county in the event of an MCI.

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SunComm:

- Dave Lynde reported that the nurse health line is going well. Approximately 100 calls sent to the health line per month. About 30% are being sent to other resources. About 70% are going to ambulance only responses and are sent directly to AMR. Discussion on how this is currently working.

- Tony Miller Pro QA meeting discussing new codes. There will be more to report.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- **Fall EMT Course –** is wrapping up. The final practical skills test is Saturday, and the final exam is next Thursday.

- **OTEP –** 2026 OTEP we have started filming.

- **Winter EMT Course** – We have 17 students currently in the new EMT course.

- **AED Project –** Ready for Sunnyside to order their 3 AEDs. For the hospital, we were able to secure a LifePak 15 for Nile Fire Department. They will be able to run a 12-lead, rather than having a 45-minute gap until the paramedics arrive. Discussion followed.

- **Pulse Point** - we have a person going out and registering AEDs. 118 have been registered and we are getting phone calls daily to register more. The hold up right now is waiting for the new Spillman person to get up to speed, so he can integrate Pulse Point with Spillman. Discussion followed how the system will work.

- **MCI Drills –** PNWU has started planning for their next drill.

Yakima Health District: Andy Wilson
No update.

6. Old Business:

a. Astria appointing an alternate to the EMS Council – Jody Shively – done under correspondence.

Stand Alone ER Update – Dede Feddema – Reported by Diane Koch
The new stand-alone ER opened on November 3rd. They are averaging 40-50 patients per day. Joel Cardenas, Manager, has done a great job of getting the department open. We continue to work together to ensure we care for our patients and work together with this new model. The ED has seen a slight decrease in patient volume this last month.

Dede will be replacing Tiffany Hanshew as the alternate as the Upper Valley Hospital Representative.

Dave Lynde reported that new stand-alone ER has their own PL HEAR frequency. An additional HEAR frequency will need to be added to radios to reach the stand-alone ER.

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b. Nominations Committee Recommendations – Dave Lynde
Chief Haubrich was nominated to be the Chair Elect for 2026 (Chair in 2027)
Diane Koch was nominated to be the Secretary for 2026
Any other nominations were called for, and none were presented.
A motion to close nominations was made by Dave Lynde and seconded by Tony Miller. Motion passed.
Ken Frazier made a motion to accept the nominations as presented, seconded by Tony Miller. Motion passed.

7. New Business:

a. Approval of the ESSO Renewal for White Pass Ski Patrol. Tony Miller made a motion to approve the renewal; Dave Lynde seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. Email received from DeDe Feddema – she will be the new alternate for Tiffany Hanshew for MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital

8. For the Good of the Order

a. We are current working on the first half of the Regional request for reimbursement for July 1 – December 3, 2025. The Chair needs to sign the reimbursement form. The funds will be paid directly to the EMS office.

b. Treena Russell introduced Roger Linn and Sarah Linn from EMS Connect. They made a brief presentation for their online training program.
Conversation to see if we wanted a formal demonstration. The cost is $6.50/month per user. We can upload our OTEP and there is additional training available that is included in the cost. Sunnyside Fire Department is using EMS Connects for additional training. ALS is using EMS Connects in Spokane.

Tony will be connecting with EMS Connects. A presentation will have to be made to the Administrative Board for a recommendation.

c. Jim Johnston – he reported come concerns from some recent calls. He was asked to send these to the CQI committee.

d. AMR fill the ambulance food drive on 12/8/2025 at Rosauers.

e. Chief Cameron Haubrich asked if there was a plan or intent to add injectable (IM) naloxone, which is a lot cheaper. Jeremy Rodriguez reported that we will be starting review of the protocols next summer. If there are protocols that you would like to change, please contact Jeremy Rodriguez as he is building a list.

An EMT can do IM naloxone and DEMS has created a training program that will take approximately 30 minutes.

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9. NEXT MEETING – February 5, 2026, at 14:30

Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council 2026
Time: Feb 5, 2026 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Every 2 months on the First Thu, 6 occurrence(s)
Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.
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10. Adjournment –Tony Miller made a motion to adjourn, Wayne Guckert seconded. Motion approved.

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