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 2026

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									
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									
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager	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	Jim Beattie, Gleed FD	Jim Lange, Selah FD	X			X								
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	*Sarah Downen, MultiCare Memorial, Past-Chair*	Dede Feddema, MultiCare Memorial	X	X	X									
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	*Dave Lynde, AMR 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, Chair-Elect*	X	X										
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jody Shively, Astria Toppenish Hospital	Brian Patrick, Astria Sunnyside Hospital	X	X	X									
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA	*Cameron Haubrich, SSFD, Chair-Elect*	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.

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1. **Roll call** with 14 members present, 10 representatives, 3 alternates and 1 ex-officio members. 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**: Mike Ing-Moody, Outreach Coordinator, Airlift Northwest.

3. **Approval and correction of minutes**.
   Tony Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from February and the special March meeting, Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence – None**

5. **Committee Reports**
   Medical Control: Kevin Hodges
   None.

   Regional Council: Dave Lynde
   - **Steering Committee**
     - Ian Corbridge announced he will be leaving his position at the DOH.
     - **DOH Legislation:** The legislative session is finished.
     - Bills that passed include:
       - ✓ **SB5988/HB2347 OTP Accreditation**
       - ✓ **HB2577 Hospital Inspections**
       - ✓ **HB2110 Nurses and EMTs**
       - ✓ **HB2540 EMT Recertification schedule**
       - ✓ **HB1187 Delayed Ambulance Bills**
     - Bills that did not pass include:
       - ✓ **HB2232 Cardiac and Stroke Policy bill**
       - ✓ **HB2382 Excise Tax on Cigarettes (would have supported ECS/Time Sensitive Emergencies)**
       - ✓ **HB2168 Opioid Mapping**

       They are working on the rulemaking for the bills that passed.
     - They are looking for alternate funding sources for the trauma registry since the current platform will be sunsetting soon.
     - **Pediatric TAC** gave their annual presentation and there was a pediatric data presentation.
     - Min/max number changes for the South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council were approved by the Steering Committee.
     - There was also a presentation by the Washington Poison Center.
     - At the **RAC TAC** meeting they reviewed their strategic plan and discussed succession planning.
     - They discussed the SAO checklists which are useful for the regions.
     - The regions will begin working on their 2027-2029 trauma plans soon.
     - The draft Behavioral Health PCP was approved.

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- Discussed the grant funding application and funding match requirements.
- Yakima County needs to bill for the full grant to the South-Central Region.

SunComm: Erica McNarama

- Pulse Point – making progress. There are still some slight integration issues. Once the testing is complete, it will be pushed out to the citizens

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

- Winter EMT Course – will be done next week with 13 students. The average grade is 94.35%. The students have been doing very well.

- Tuesday the County Commissioners signed the contract with the University of Washington for the new buprenorphine program. We will be hiring a data collection person with the grant money to keep track and submit reports for the program.

- No update on whole blood currently. GMR is working on obtaining a supplier as we do not have a hospital in Yakima County the provides whole blood.

- Miles Imbery, Training Office for the Yakima Police Department met with Tony and Chase today. Starting next year DEMS will be doing training them in Stop the Bleed, first aid and BLS CPR. The goal is to the have officers start treatment before EMS and/or fire arrival.

Yakima Health District: Andy Wilson.
None

6. **Old Business:**
   done above
7. **New Business: None**
   Ken Motion to approve Wayne seconded for EMS office ESSO Passed
   Ken motion White pass ski patrol, seconded Wayne Passed

8. **For the Good of the Order: None**

9. **NEXT MEETING – June 4, 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: June 4, 2026 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
   Every 2 months on the First Thu, 6 occurrence(s)
   August 6, 2026 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
   October 1, 2026 02:30 Pacific Time (US and Canada)
   December 3, 2026 02:30 Pacific Time (US and Canada)

   Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.
   Monthly: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEtdOCoqTIrGtypidzWT7yzhvGHa8kp8DDh/ics?icsToken=DDEag6e8U-DePscQ4AAALAAAAL_20gnXvx9dd0EwR9r2lBW-

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

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