Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2026, 9:00-10:30a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Auditorium & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Voting Members: AMR: Jack Busch (*alt) Tim Loncon,* Airway Heights: Mitch Metzger, *(alt) Mike Makela,* Advanced Life Systems: Treena Russell, *(alt) James Bennett,* Cheney FD: Jeff Anderson *(alt) Tom Jenkins,* DPVA: Amber Jones *(alt) Adena Sellars,* Kalispel Tribal EMS: *Vacant,* LFN: Veronica Mitchell-Jones *(alt) James Young,* SCFD2: Eric Olson *(alt) Lindsay Pestana,* SCFD3: Cody Rohrbach, *(alt) Bill Dennstaedt,* SCFD4: Dan Williams *(alt) Chris Wyrobek,* SCFD5: *Vacant,* SCFD8: Tom Chavez *(alt) vacant,* SCFD9: Austin Pea *(alt) Dan Cecil,* SCFD10: Jon Hanke *(alt) Don Malone,* SCFD11: *Vacant,* SCFD12: *Vacant,* SCFD13: Daron Bement, *(alt) Josh Ambach,* SFD: Anne Raven, *(alt) Tom Williams,* SVFD: David Baird *(alt) Dr. Stephen Godfrey,* SIA: *Vacant,* SCSO: *Vacant,* SHMC & Children's Hospital: Tiarra Dreckman, *(alt) Lindsay Fleischmann,* Holy Family: Liz Ciais, *(alt) Lindsay Fleischmann,* Deaconess: Chris Gibbar, Valley Hospital: Richard Johnson, Community Delegate: Randy Olson, MPD: Dr. Jim Nania

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EMS Council Chair, Dan Williams, called the meeting to order, and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Member Agency Representatives/Alternates & Advisory Representatives Present
Robin Albrant, David Baird, Daron Bement, James Bennett, Jack Busch, Tom Chavez, Dan Cecil, Liz Ciais, Lindsay Fleischmann, Jon Hanke, Tim Loncon, Mike Makela, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Austin Pea, Anne Raven, Cody Rohrbach, Dan Williams, James Young

Guests Present
Dr. Avi Baehr, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Beth Hansen, Sierra Knutson, Stephanie Leaver, Tara Ohman, Brett Roberts, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Whit Spencer, Dr. Allison Turpen, Kim Van Hout

EMS Office Staff Present
Chris Nielsen, Berkley Van Hout

MINUTES: Approval of September 2026 Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the minutes made by Randy Olson; seconded by James Bennett. None opposed
Action: It was M/S/P to approve the minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Dan Williams

- Hospital Status Report
  - Providence: Lindsay Fleischmann shared upcoming drills in November including bomb threat and active shooter, and community partners have been contacted to help. Working on continued education for evacuations. The Hospital Emergency Response Team will have a Mass DECON training for hospital staff on November 11th.
  - MultiCare: Dana Bosworth shared that Valley Hospital is having The Great Shakeout Earthquake preparedness training, and continuing to work on hospital redesignation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for September 2026
  Jack shared the financial reports with the group and there were no questions or concerns.
- Initial 2027 Budget Review
  Jack shared a review of the initial proposed 2027 budget and explained that the current budget depends on good faith agreements that could potentially go away in the future. Following discussion, the group agreed to have the initial proposed budget sent out for further review and

asked members to bring questions to Jack prior to the November meeting. The final budget will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting. Dr. Jim Nania brought up liability coverage for Spokane County MPD Delegates to be potentially added to the budget request and agreed to bring a funding request to the next meeting for further discussion.
Action: The initial proposed 2027 budget will be emailed for further review prior to the next meeting.

- Funding Requests
  - 2027 PEAC Airway Course
    Tom Chavez presented a proposal for a countywide PEAC airway training program for 2027, which was sent out after last month's meeting via email for review. The proposed program would utilize a mobile equipment trailer to provide training at various locations throughout the county. The proposal includes an initial one-time cost of $34,576, and an approximate recurring cost of up to $4500 to cover replacements and maintenance. Each course requires a 6:1 student to instructor ratio, with the instructor rate being approximately $70/hour for a 4-hour class, 12 classes per year. Following discussion, the group agreed to review the proposal further and bring the topic back to next month's meeting due to time constraints at today's meeting.

Action: Tom will send the proposal out a second time for review, and the topic will be moved to next month's meeting.

REPORTS:

- EMS Office Program Coordinator & Data Analyst: Tom Chavez/Chris Nielsen
  - Tom Chavez: reported that SCFD5 is in the process of being added to the county Handtevy account. Tom asked agencies to review Handtevy rosters to confirm they are accurate.
  - Chris Nielsen: shared ESO updates and emailed agencies with instructions for new validation rules for WEMSIS data.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: David Baird shared that the apparatus nomenclature project is ongoing and will be phased in across the county. Still working through how to work with districts that will be financially impacted. Discussion about wildfire policy at the state level continues, as well as after action reviews regarding the Spokane area fires that happened in August. Dave will share the EMS Councils' proposed budget at the next I chiefs meeting for review.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach reported that City of Spokane has requested to delay moving to their own dispatch during the transition to the new CAD system, and the regional center will continue to dispatch for City of Spokane until the CAD interface is complete. The transition is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2027. The renovation of the new regional dispatch center is getting closer to the move in phase.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported the ARI alert threshold for Spokane County for the 2026-2027 season is 13% and they are working to get that updated on the respiratory illness dashboard soon. Also, we'll be updating the link to the NWHRN masking consensus statement to agreement for the current season (which SRHD supports): HC_Masking_Consensus_Statement_2026-2027_FINAL.pdf
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Liam Holeman not present
- MPD Report & QI Committee: Dr. Nania shared that the WA DOH will hold a Stakeholder rulemaking meeting regarding interfacility transport and encouraged agencies to attend.
  - Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
    - Stroke KPI Summary
    - KPI Data Definitions
    - ESO Custom Forms

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications
  - Providence Health Training Initial Paramedic Course (10/12/2026-12/31/2026)
  - Providence Health Training Initial IV Therapy Endorsement Course (10/28/2026-11/25/2026)
  - Spokane Community College Initial EMT-SGA Course (AM & PM 10/05/2026-12/10/2026)
  - SCFD 4 Initial EMT-SGA Course (11/2/2026-01/30/2027)
  - Providence Health Training Initial ESE Course (11/05/2026)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: Next meeting is Thursday, October 22nd
  The HERT (Hospital Emergency Response Team) protocol is now called MOST (Mobile on Scene Surgical Team). The WA DOH has approved all previously submitted protocols except for the blood draw protocol, as the DOH requested further review. The blood draw protocol will be reviewed at the next protocol committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for October
  - Oct 21st @ 5pm "RED ALERT: MCI, HazMat & Active Threats" with Dr. Ernest
- NWHRN: Sierra Knutson shared that they are hosting workshops with long-term care facilities. If there are any facilities that need help, please send them to NWHRN.
- SFD: Anne Raven shared concern about increased wall times. Dr. Travis Dierks shared that Providence administration is aware and addressing. The group agreed that agencies should be tracking wall times, and Dr. Jim Nania encouraged agencies to use the EMS field report.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:22AM.