

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2026, 9:00-10:30a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom A/B & 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: Kim Smith, 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: Andres Steevens (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 Payton*, Holy Family: Liz Ciais, (alt) *Lindsay Payton*, Deaconess: Chris Gibbar, Valley Hospital: Richard Johnson, Community Delegate: Randy Olson, MPD: Dr. Jim Nania

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

Members Agency Representatives/Alternates & Advisory Representatives Present

Jeff Anderson, Robin Albrandt, David Baird, Jim Bennett, Dana Bosworth, Jack Busch, Daron Bement, Tom Chavez Dan Cecil, Bill Dennstaedt, Tim Loncon, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Lindsay Payton, Austin Pea, Dre Steevens, Dan Williams, James Young

Guests Present

Jim Akramoff, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Sean Edwards, Sam Harvey, Sierra Knutsen, Jason Mayfield, Meagan McCoy, Jerry Patterson, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Dr. Allison Turpen, Kara Welchel

EMS Office Staff Present

Chris Nieslen, Berkley Van Hout

MINUTES: Approval of June 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Randy Olson; seconded by Jeff Anderson. None opposed.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the minutes.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Dan Williams

➤ Hospital Status Report

- Providence: Lindsay Payton shared an update on the 800 MHz radio system and shared that Providence hospitals have radios installed and have signed user agreements with SREC. Working with air ambulance and private ambulance services on 800 MHz radio updates and conducting internal testing while awaiting SREC approvals. Providence will have both radio systems for agencies without access to the new 800 MHz radio system.
- MultiCare: No report.
- Transport Report: SCFD9 reported they are two weeks into transport, and things are going well. Average turnaround time of about 38 minutes, and Holy Family Hospital is seeing 40% of patients.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- The initial budget review will be at the September meeting. Please send any funding requests or

programs to Jack to be included in the initial 2027 budget review.

➤ Financial reports for June 2026

Jack shared the reports with the group and there were no questions or comments.

➤ Funding Requests

- Spokane County Handtevy NROC: The Spokane County EMS Council Executive board reviewed and denied the funding request and requested additional clarification. Tom Chavez requested to amend the original funding request to fund only the train the trainer class scheduled for July 22nd. Following discussion, the funding request was amended to request up to \$1500 for the NROC train the trainer class on July 22nd. A motion to approve the amended funding request was made by Dr. Jim Nania and seconded by Randy Olson. None opposed.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the amended funding request of up to \$1500 for the train the trainer NROC course on July 22nd.

REPORTS:

➤ EMS Office Program Coordinator & Data Analyst: Tom Chavez/Chris Nielsen

- Tom reported that he is working on scheduling multiple PEAK airway classes throughout the county. More info to come. Jason Mayfield added that AMR may be hosting a train the trainer PEAK airway class and will share more information if it becomes available.
- Chris shared that a KPI data dictionary was added to the EMS website. Trauma KPI data will be shared at the QI committee meeting, and Chris and Dr. Nania are working on an advanced airway form to improve airway data.

➤ Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: David Baird nothing new to report.

➤ SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach not present.

➤ East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present.

➤ SRHD: Robin Albrandt shared changes in the executive team. Met with USPS to review bio detection services. A FIFA World Cup debrief meeting will be scheduled for the end of the month. Ebola monitoring continues as more people are traveling across the nation. Currently, there are no Ebola cases confirmed in the country, but still monitoring and notifying the special pathogens unit when patients are being monitored, and working on having alerts linked to residence for dispatch services.

➤ Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff stated that applications for the next cohort were due in June, and applicants are now testing. Interviews will begin in August. Providence Health will be offering a medical terminology course this year for \$200. Clinicals for the current cohort are underway, and a few have finished. Students in the field now have tags; yellow tags are field time, and green tags are for Capstone with the expectation that students are running calls from start to finish. Jim introduced their new instructor, Liam.

➤ QI Committee: Dr. Nania shared a summary of CARES data that was shared at last month's QI Committee meeting.

- Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
 - Trauma KPIs

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ EMS Program Applications for Council Approval

- Renewal ESSO Application: Goodrich Corporation (Collin's Aerospace)
Motion to approve the EMS program renewal application made by Jack Busch; seconded by Dan Williams. None opposed.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the EMS Program application to send to the WA Department of Health.

➤ Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications

- Spokane Community College Initial EMT-SGA Course (07/01/2026-08/20/2026 AM & PM)
- EMS Connect Initial EMT-SGA Course (07/13/2026-08/17/2026)

- EMS Connect Initial EMT-SGA Course (09/07/2026-10/09/2026)
- SVFD Initial SGA Endorsement Course (07/29/2026)
- AMR Initial SGA Endorsement Courses (08/24/2026, 08/25/2026, 09/16/2026)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

Tom shared that for future protocols needing Council approval, protocols will be emailed at least one week prior to the Council meeting when a vote will take place for review. Tom emailed the following protocols for review:

- Blood Draws
- Buprenorphine/Naloxone
- Hospital Emergency Response Team (H.E.R.T)
- Ketamine
- Ketorolac
- Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder Induction
- Olanzapine
- Oxytocin
- Stable Wide-Complex Tachycardia

Following review of the protocols, the group agreed to move H.E.R.T and Stable Wide-Complex Tachycardia back to the protocol committee for further review. A motion to approve the protocols excluding H.E.R.T and Stable Wide-Complex tachycardia was made by Jeff Anderson and seconded by Dr. Jim Nania. None opposed.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the protocols to be sent to the WA Department of Health for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

➤ EMS Connect Classes for July

- July 29th at 2:00p.m “The Bleeding Edge: Modern Shock and Resuscitation Guidelines for EMS” with Dr. Maika Dang

➤ **Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8th (No meeting in August)**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:51AM.