

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 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: *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: Jeff Reid (*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

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EMS Council Chair, Dan Williams, was not present. EMS Council Vice Chair, David Baird, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Member Agency Representatives/Alternates & Advisory Representatives Present

Jeff Anderson, David Baird, Daron Bement, James Bennett, Jack Busch, Dan Cecil, Tom Chavez, Bill Dennstaedt, Tom Jenkins, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Lindsay Payton, Jeff Reid, Adeana Sellars, James Young

Guest Present

Jim Akramoff, Robin Albrandt, Dana Bosworth, Jill Collier, Dr. Maika Dang, Tamara Drapeau, Dr. Joel Edminster, Nathan Henson, Stephanie Leaver, Jason Mayfield, Tara Ohman, Kim Van Hout

EMS Office Staff Present

Chris Nielsen, Berkley Van Hout

**MINUTES:** Approval of April 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Randy Olson; seconded by Jeff Anderson.

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Dan Williams

- Recognition for Outstanding Lifetime Service Award  
Chief Tom Jenkins presented an award to retired Battalion Chief Timothy Steiner for outstanding lifetime service.
- Hospital Status Report
  - Providence: Lindsay Payton reported ongoing discussions regarding FIFA world cup awareness and MCI planning. The Special Pathogens Unit continues to monitor as the FIFA World Cup begins. Update on 800 MHz radio system; radios installed at Providence hospitals and not yet installed at MultiCare. Hospitals are awaiting SREC documents to sign and will need training before radios are used. HERT team's mass decontamination tents will be set up this summer or fall; Lindsay will send dates once finalized. Providence had their first active shooter exercise and shared positive feedback with plans for more upcoming exercises.
  - MultiCare: Dana Bosworth shared that Valley Hospital is continuing to participate in MCI planning with the FIFA World Cup starting and are in the process of redesignation

for their trauma program. Stop the bleed events upcoming and will share more information as it becomes available.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jack Busch

- Financial reports for April & May 2026  
Jack shared the financial reports.
- Funding Requests
  - None

**REPORTS:**

- EMS Office Program Coordinator & Data Analyst: Tom Chavez/Chris Nielsen
  - Chris shared that airway data was presented at the last QI meeting, and he is working with agencies and Dr. Nania to improve pre and post intubation documentation. Chris is also working with WEMSIS to address data quality and shared that the 2021 trauma forms are not being completed much of the time. Chris encouraged agencies to complete the 2021 trauma form for all major traumas. Chris is working on a data dictionary with plans to add a link to the Spokane EMS website later this month. Dr. Nania added that airway data helped with protocol changes.
  - Tom shared ongoing coordination with Providence to establish a Neonatal Resuscitation class for EMS providers and is developing a train the trainer class for current Handtevy instructors to be offered this summer. The estimated cost is \$1200 per train the trainer class, and \$1200 per day for the training classes, which consists of two 2.5 hour sessions. Following discussion, Tom agreed to submit a budget request including course costs and instructor pay rates for review at the next meeting. The group also discussed the potential implementation of a quarterly PEAK Airway course, which will be brought back for discussion at the next meeting. Questions were brought up regarding expansion of the verified responder program; Tom noted that a grant application will be required for Spokane County. Additionally, Tom shared that SCFD2 and SCFD12 have requested to be added to the county Handtevy subscription.  
**Action:** A budget request for the neonatal resuscitation program will be presented at the next meeting for review and further discussion.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: David Baird was unable to attend the last Fire Chiefs meeting. Chief Jenkins shared that they are bracing for the wildland fire season and gave an update that Air Ambulance has shared emails regarding updates to radio channels.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach not present. Dr. Edminster, the current MPDD for SREC, shared that a position for a new MPDD will likely be posted in the near future.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt shared Ebola monitoring updates and alerts were shared with providers to ensure appropriate screening for patients, including questions related to recent travel and attendance of large gatherings. A FIFA-related update was also provided, with ongoing monitoring of the situation.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff thanked hospitals for allowing students and shared positive experiences. Applications for the next class are due June 30<sup>th</sup> and will begin in October.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania shared a summary from the cadaver lab hosted on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
    - CARES annual report
    - Case review referred by SVFD

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Recently Approved EMS Training Course Applications

- Providence Health Training Initial ESE Course (06/04/2026)
- Providence Health Training Refresher ESE Course (07/21/2026)
- SCFD9 Initial SGA Course (07/28/2026)

**PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:** Tom Chavez

➤ Protocol Committee update:

The last meeting was held Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. SVFD reviewed current protocols and identified inconsistencies with the new format, which Tom is working through. Spokane County approved additional skills were compared with state approved skills, and proposed updates will be brought to the committee for review at the next meeting. OB/GYN protocols are nearing completion, after which they will be presented to the EMS Council for approval and submission to the Department of Health. Work on trauma protocols has also begun. The protocol committee recently completed a cricothyrotomy skills session utilizing a recommended kit. Protocol updates are currently being finalized, and the most current protocol documents are available on the EMS Office website. A cricothyrotomy training video will be added to the website following final review and approval of the updated protocols.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:**

➤ EMS Connect Classes for June

- June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm “Bleeding Out in Plain Sight: Abdominal and Pelvis Trauma”

**MEETING ADJOURNED 9:57AM**