

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 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

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, Josh Ambach, David Baird, James Bennett, Dan Cecil, Liz Ciais, Tom Chavez, Bill Dennstaedt, Chris Gibbar, Tim Loncon, Dr. Jim Nania, Eric Olson, Randy Olson, Lindsay Payton, Anne Raven, Jeff Reid, Andre Steevens, Tom Williams, James Young

Guest Present

Jim Akramoff, Dana Bosworth, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Sean Edwards, Dr. Joel Edminster, Emily Fleury, Carrie Gigray, Beth Hansen, Jake Jensen, Sierra Knutson, Greg Lance, Jason Mayfield, Hailey Ney, Tara Ohman, Dr. Jacob Rabe, Dillon Russell, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Kevin Smith, Whit Spencer, Kim Van Hout, Matthew Vinci

EMS Office Staff Present

Chris Neilsen, Berkley Van Hout

MINUTES: Approval of February 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Tom Chavez; seconded by Anne Raven. None opposed.

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Dan Williams

- Min/Max Update for TRA 3202: Chief Matthew Vinci shared that SCFD 9 is officially licensed as a AMBV transport agency. Chief Vinci thanked those that showed support and stated that ambulance vehicles have been delivered and 21 new employees will be through the academy by June 11th. Go live date is July 1st.
- EMS Awards Nominations due March 31st. Email nominations to Berkley at bvanhout@spokanecity.org
- Hospital Status Report
 - Providence: Lindsay Payton shared that Providence will be hosting scenario based active shooter exercises in June at Sacred Heart and Holy Family. If prehospital personnel would like to observe, reach out to Lindsay. Also, MCI trainings being discussed with the FIFA World Cup planning group. Nurses' Union, WSNA, is still in negotiations.
 - Multicare: Dana Bosworth stated that Multicare is planning MCI training with FIFA World Cup planning group and considering joining other local hospitals for planning.

Valley Hospital hosted a HERT training that went well, and wilderness training is upcoming. Gearing up for EMS week in May.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for February 2026
Dave Baird shared the financial reports. No questions or comments.
- Funding Requests
 - None

REPORTS:

- EMS Office Program Coordinator & Data Analyst: Tom Chavez/Chris Nielsen
 - Chris shared that he has continued working on data processing and almost finished with that project. Airway KPIs will be presented at the April QI meeting. Regarding the oversight ESO account, Chris reminded agencies using ESO to sign the ESO agreement or reach out to Chris if the agreement was not received.
 - Tom stated that the SALT triage tags that were funded by the EMS Council have arrived and have been distributed to most agencies. If agencies have not received tags let Tom know. A new EMS calendar has been created to add to the EMS website to allow agencies to add their own training opportunities. Once the calendar is added to the website, Berkley will send more information. EMS videos are in the works, and a video for surgical cricothyrotomy has been sent to MPDDs for review. Once approved, videos can be sent to agencies and added to the EMS website.
 - Handtevy Update: Subscription is due in April. After negotiating, Handtevy offered increased licenses for AMR, Spokane FD, SCFD 3, SCFD 9, and SCFD 13 with no associated upgrade cost. Advanced Life Systems was added and grandfathered into original price, and the 5% increase on annual fees was waived. Tom shared the quote for a 5-year contract for \$272,455.47 that can be paid overtime for a total of \$54,072.48 per year.

Motion to approve the quote made by Dr. Nania; seconded by Anne Raven. None opposed.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve the quote to renew the Handtevy subscription. Tom will forward the quote to the EMS office for signature and payment.

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: David Baird reported that a quick dispatch model continues to be discussed to improve getting accurate call type and appropriate units sent initially.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach not present.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt not present
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff shared the next Paramedic Advisory committee meeting is on March 11th to discuss changes to streamline process and complete cohorts quicker. Applications for next year's cohort open now thru June 30th.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania
 - Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
 - Multi-Agency response ESO documentation
 - Narcotic documentation: AMR

OLD BUSINESS:

- Protocol Manual for Approval
Tom received many comments on the protocol document and thanked those who took the time to review. At the end of the QI meeting, Tom will review the format and make requested changes. Once changes are made and protocols are updated, the entire manual will be sent to the DOH for

review for approval. An update will be shared next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Exigent Blood Draws: Mike Thomas (SPD)
Anne Raven stated that Spokane Police Dept. reached out to Spokane City Fire regarding requesting blood draws from EMS under exigent circumstances. SPD has trained phlebotomists on staff but do not always have them available. RCW has rules that relate to these circumstances, and Dr. Nania shared that the Spokane County Operating Procedure for blood draws has information as well. Following discussion, the group agreed to review the county operating procedure and RCW with legal counsel and bring back for further discussion next month.
Action: Topic will be added to old business at the April EMS Council meeting for further discussion.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: Next meeting is Thursday, March 19th. Topic of Neonatal resuscitation programs offered on Handtevy will be discussed, and Tom will reach out to find Spokane County Handtevy instructors if the group agrees to move forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for March
 - 03/18/2026 2pm “Mind on the Line: Mental Health in EMS”

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:56AM.