

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
December 09, 2025, 9:00-10:30a.m.
Spokane Fire Training Center, Classroom C & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Voting Members: SFD: Anne Raven, (alt) Tom Williams SVFD: David Baird, (alt) Dr. Stephen Godfrey, SCFD2: Eric Olson, (alt) Lindsay Pestana, SCFD3: Cody Rohrbach, (alt) Bill Dennstaedt, SCFD4: Dan Williams (alt) Mike Nokes, SCFD8: Tom Chavez, (alt) Chris Wyrobek, SCFD9: Jeff Reid, (alt) Dan Cecil, SCFD10: Andres Steevens, (alt) Don Malone, SCFD13: Daron Bement, (alt) Josh Ambach, AMR: Jack Busch, (alt) Tim Loncon, ALS: Treena Russell, (alt) James Bennett, LFN: Veronica Mitchell-Jones (alt) James Young, SHMC & Children's Hospital: Tierra Dreckman, (alt) Lindsay Payton, SHMC: Liz Ciais, (alt) Lindsay Payton, Deaconess: Chris Gibbar, Valley Hospital: Richard Johnson, (alt) Dana Bosworth, Community Rep: Randy Olson, MPD: Dr. Jim Nania

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

Member Agency Representatives/Alternates & Advisory Representatives Present

Josh Ambach, Robin Albrandt, David Baird, Jim Bennett, Dana Bosworth, Jack Busch, Daron Bement, Tom Chavez, Bill Dennstaedt, Dr. Stephen Godfrey, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Lindsay Payton, Anne Raven, Cody Rohrbach, Adena Sellars, Jeff Reid, Treena Russel, Dan Williams, James Young

Guest Present

Dr. Travis Dierks, Emily Fleury, Beth Hansen, Nathan Jeffries, Sierra Knutson, Jason Mayfield, Meagan McCoy, Ami Roy, Leah Salmon-Conroy, Kim Van Hout, Matthew Vinci, Martha-Ann Walston

EMS Office Staff Present

Chris Nielsen, Berkley Van Hout

MINUTES: Approval of November 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Randy Olson and seconded by Dan Williams

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Anne Raven

- Anne Raven gave her last remarks as chair, thanking the Council for their support, and the E-board for their work over the last two years, highlighting accomplishments such as rewritten bylaws, new paid positions, and a completed min-max assessment.
- 2026 EMS Office Share Fees will be sent in January. Please update Agency Roster with DOH prior to January 1st.

➤ Vote for Vice Chair Position

- Nominations: David Baird (SVFD) nominated by Jeff Anderson and Cody Rohrbach. Dave accepted the nomination.

A motion to approve Dave Baird for the Vice Chair position made by Randy Olson and seconded by Dr. Nania. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Action: It was M/S/P to approve David Baird as the new Vice Chair of the Spokane County EMS Council. Vice chair duties will begin January 1, 2026.

➤ Hospital Status Report

- Providence: Holy Family Hospital had a mystery patient drill with the special pathogens unit that provided good learning and determined areas of improvement. The 800 MHz radio update is almost complete as they are waiting for one more base station for Holy Family. Working on connecting with SREC for feedback capabilities. Additionally, an amateur radio scanner was put on the roof of Holy Family hospital for amateur radio partners to be able to communicate more broadly within the region. Continue to share the

- FBI training scheduled for January 14th from 1-3pm at SHMC.
- Multicare: no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for November 2025
Jack reviewed the financial reports and there was no questions or concerns. A year-end report will be shared at the January meeting.
- Funding Requests
 - None

REPORTS:

- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Chris Wyrobek not present
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach stated not much new to report regarding SREC and City of Spokane dispatch center update. Productive discussion occurring and more to come in January. The go live date for the new CAD system is delayed and yet to be determined.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau not present.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt reported that SHRD continues to participate in planning for FIFA World cup. Should know by the end of the month if Gonzaga University is chosen as a Base Camp. The planned FIFA Fan Zone for Spokane is opting to host two fan zones on June 19th, 2026, and July 19th, 2026, at the Gesa Pavilion in Riverfront Park. The Facility contractor for this is sitting in legal for review. Additionally, DOH is planning CHEMPACK TTX and Exercise with emergency management and public health partners in preparation for FIFA 2026.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff not present. Emily Fleury stated nothing new to report as they are in the middle of their current cohort.
- QI Committee: Dr. Nania gave a summary of ACS data that was shared at the November QI Committee meeting which will be sent out.
 - Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
 - **Vote for 2026 KPI reporting dates.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- SANE Presentation: McCalle Feller
McCalle Feller, Spokane Fire Department's Special Calls Liaison, shared a handout explaining the role and current educational focuses which included Spokane specific training content for county-wide distribution for strangulation education, sexual assault response education, CPS & child abuse response, documentation expectations, and Code Sierra. McCalle explained more about Code Sierra, explaining that it would be a new dispatch code for sexual assaults. Code Sierra has been added to the protocol drafts and will be reviewed for approval in January. More information regarding trainings will be sent through the EMS Office as they become available.
- Recently Approved Training Course Applications
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA (12/09/2025-03/20/2026)
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA (01/05/2026-06/01/2026)
 - Providence Health Training Initial EMT-SGA (03/24/2026-07/03/2026)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: Next meeting scheduled Thursday, December 18th via Zoom.
 - Working with The Heart Institute to streamline cardiac reporting from pre-hospital to hospitals. Would affect how agencies run ESO for cardiac calls.
 - Neonatal Resuscitation Program Training: working with Chelsea Riley from Providence on setting up a training opportunity for EMS personnel. Considering a train-the-trainer

method. More information to come early 2026.

- SALT Triage Tags Update: There are two options for tags, one with an attached wrist band and one without. Need to decide which is preferred and can move forward ordering. Will be discussed at the Protocol Committee meeting.
- Training Calendar: Tom is working with agencies to create a county wide training calendar. Tom will be emailing a request for agencies to send training opportunities to be shared county wide. Along with adding a training calendar, the EMS Office has discussed crating training videos for new protocols or techniques to be shared online for agencies to share with personnel.
- Protocol Manual Format Update: The protocol manual update is completed. Tom thanked the workgroup for their work and shared the new format with the group which lists the skills of each certification level for every protocol. Tom will be sending the draft form of protocols out to voting agency representatives prior to the January Council meeting to review. The protocols will be voted on for approval and the January meeting. Tom will be working on a video explaining the new format to share with agencies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for December
12/16/2025 at 2pm 'Cardiac- Rhythm strips & ECG' with Dr. Travis Dierks
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, January 13th, 2026**

MEETING ADJOURNED.