

Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Meeting Minutes
February 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*) *Adeana 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, called the meeting to order and those present were noted on the attendance sheet.

Member Agency Representatives/Alternates & Advisory Representatives Present

Josh Ambach, Jeff Anderson, David Baird, Daron Bement, James Bennett, Jack Busch, Dan Cecil, Bill Dennstaedt, Chris Gibbar, Tim Loncon, Mike Makela, Dr. Jim Nania, Randy Olson, Lindsay Payton, Anne Raven, Jeff Reid, Cody Rohrbach, Treena Russell, Adeana Sellars, Dan Williams, James Young

Guest Present

Jim Akramoff, Dana Bosworth, Dr. Maika Dang, Dr. Travis Dierks, Tamara Drapeau, Dr. Joel Edminster, Sean Edwards, Dr. Stephen Godfrey, Beth Hansen, Jake Jensen, Sierra Knutson, Jason Mayfield, Meagan McCoy, Emily Mercer, Tara Ohman, Joe Pearman, Joey Rodriguez, Dillon Russell, Leah Salom-Conroy, Kevin Smith, Whitt Spencer, Kim Van Hout, Matthew Vinci, Martha-Anne Walston, Scott Williams, Al Weber

EMS Office Present

Chris Nielsen, Berkley Van Hout

MINUTES: Approval of January 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion 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

- Min/Max Update for TRA3202: The East Region EMS Council sent two applications to the Spokane County EMS Council to review and requested comments. The application process is now closed and is pending review from the DOH to make ultimate decision. More information to come once available.
- Hospital Status Report
 - Providence: no report
 - MultiCare: no report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Busch

- Financial reports for January 2026

Jack shared the financial reports and reminded agencies that share fees have been sent and are due by March 1st. Reach out to Berkley with questions regarding share fees.

- Funding Requests
 - None

REPORTS:

- EMS Office Program Coordinator & Data Analyst: Tom Chavez/Chris Nielsen: Chris thanked agencies for data validation and submissions that he requested and shared that results have been good. Dr. Nania and Chris are working on setting up the county wide ESO account, and agencies should have received a DocuSign agreement to allow them to access data.
- Inland Empire Fire Chiefs: Cody Rohrbach reported that nominations were made for a new IEFCA representative for the EMS Council due to Chief WYROBEK taking on new duties. Chief Rohrbach shared there is ongoing discussion regarding the county nomenclature project. More to come on timeline. There is also discussion around the new CAD system for regional dispatch and the build out of implementing new terminology. Jeff Anderson thanked the council for supporting the SALT triage tag purchase, and shared that DEM is distributing tags to agencies. Regarding RTF, which was also funded by the council, the I-Chiefs have fronted the cost for RTF instructors and training. Awareness videos are planned to be shared by early summer, and county wide drills would include MCI and transport agencies.
- SREC Board: Cody Rohrbach reported that there is ongoing discussion regarding quick dispatch and working to reduce the number of upgrades and downgrades.
- East Region EMS & TCC: Tamara Drapeau stated next meeting is February 11th. Will have more to come next month.
- SRHD: Robin Albrandt not present. Robin emailed report to Berkley and stated new DOH Measles resources can be found here: [Measles Cases in Washington State | Washington State Department of Health](#). SRHD is seeing lots of flu hospitalizations and outbreaks, and the HAI metric increased and is still above transmission alert threshold. Last week, SRHD held a meeting with ESF-8 partners to discuss upcoming public health and medical planning strategies in preparation for FIFA World Cup 2026. The meeting provided good understanding of which meetings people are participating in and identify where there are gaps that need to be addressed to support our community. Next meeting will be March 24th.
- Curriculum & PM Advisory Committee/Providence Health Training: Jim Akramoff shared the next advisory committee meeting is scheduled for March 11th at 9am and will discuss adjusting courses to speed up the process and increase capacity.
- QI Committee:
 - Today's QI meeting agenda includes:
 - Case review referred by PSHMC

OLD BUSINESS:

- Protocol Manual for Approval
Action: Topic moved to next month. Dan requested that agencies review and provide feedback to the draft protocol that was sent out via the google link and encouraged to share with providers for feedback as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recently Approved Training Course Applications
 - Providence Health Training Refresher ESE Course (02/26/2026)
 - Providence Health Training Initial IV Therapy Endorsement (03/09/2026-03/23/2026)
 - Providence Health Training Initial ESE Course (03/27/2026)
 - Providence Health Training Refresher EMT Course (02/27/2026-03/06/2026)
 - Providence Health Training Refresher AEMT Course (03/16/2026-03/25/2026)
 - Providence Health Training Refresher Paramedic Course (03/18/2026-03/25/2026)
 - AMR Initial Supraglottic Airway Endorsement Courses (03/04/2026, 03/12/2026, 03/19/2026, 03/25/2026 & 03/31/2026)

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Tom Chavez

- Protocol Committee update: next meeting Thursday, February 19th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- EMS Connect Classes for February
 - 2/25/2026 at 2pm: “The Airway Battlefield” register online.
- Providence Classes: To register go to providence.org/SpokanePECclasses
 - Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)
 - Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)
- NWRHN: May 6th 8:00a.m-12: 30p.m FIFA World Cup '26 Special Event: MCI Surge “Confluent Goal” Virtual Tabletop Exercise. Link to register will be sent out later.
- E-Board Announcements:
 - Reminder that the EMS Office moved last year to 44 W Riverside Ave. Spokane WA 99217.
 - Agencies review voting and alternate members and send updates to Berkley.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:44AM