



Minutes for the Meeting of the Emergency Services Executive Board (ESEB)

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – 9:30
2403 South 18th Street, Suite 200

Board Members Present	Others Attending:
Kyle Curtis – Commissioner	Tony Miller – Director, YVOEM
Patricia Byers–Mayor, City of Yakima	Pam Brooks – Financial Specialist, YVOEM
Carl Hendrickson – YSO	Nici Parpart – Grant Specialist, YVOEM
Mike Costello – City of Selah	
Scott Carmack – Mayor, City of Zillah	
	Ray Lamoureux, Chief, East Valley Fire
Board Members Absent	

Meeting Packet Contents: Current Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, Grant reduction spreadsheet, 2025 Preliminary Budget

- I. **Call to Order 9:46 am** **Kyle**
- II. **Approval of the August 21, 2024, Meeting minutes (Action Item)**
 Kyle proposed a motion to approve the April 21, 2024, meeting minutes; Carl made a motion to approve, Mike seconded the motion, all in favor and approved.
- III. **Financial Reports and Resolutions:** **Tony**
Sustainment Grants Status –Right now the state says with all that is going on in Washington DC, our grants have not been affected. We just closed out our 2022 and 2023 SHSP grants.
- IV. **Status Updates and Notable Events:** **Tony/Pam/Nici**
 1. **Grant Status** – Nici reported that the DOJ have halted all grants so there is nothing she can apply for at this time. Nici has applied for a Firehouse Subs grant for radios for our office, she is getting ready to send out a grant for CWDG for \$5 million for mitigation work in East Valley, West Valley and Selah Fire. She is working on 2 grant requests from Legends; one for our office for updating our incident trailer and one for the EMS office for AEDs. Tony built the incident trailer as a concept trailer last year to see if it would get used and be helpful in the field. We have a nicer trailer that he would like to move everything to and update. There are many different AEDs in the county so they are working to get the fire stations equipped with the same AEDs. The EMS office is buying 58 new AEDs this year with their funds, but if they can get the whole county using the same units, when AMR arrives to a scene, they can plug the AED into their monitor to gather data. When they get back to their station, they use a program and dump the data from the AED and/or Lucas devices to the EMS office. The data that is recorded is used to see how they are doing on calls. Dr. Hodges, the medical program director for the county, is big on cardiac arrests and over the last 4 years we have been way above the national average for lives saved. Tony reported that in May the county will be using Pulse Point, which is an app so when there is a cardiac arrest, the 911 dispatch system will be notified, and they will send out a message to anyone who has the app showing where a cardiac arrest is and where there are AEDs within ½ mile radius.
 The SAFER grant has not opened yet, but Nici will be doing one for Selah and one for District 5. She is doing a Gary Sinise grant for SAR for a thermal camera. We are also working on congressional funding for a new EOC. We met with Congressman Newhouse yesterday and she has contacted Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell’s office so Tony can meet with them. She has completed 2 AFG grants; one for Selah for new extractors and one for Wapato for SCBA’s. The CWDG is \$10 million over 5-year grant, and we are applying for \$5 million. We would be hiring 3 full-time crew from March through October doing mitigation for wildfires, and the grant includes trucks, trailers, skid steers and any equipment to be able to do mitigation for the areas planned. Kittitas got one 2 years ago and she gave Nici some ideas on what they are looking for in the writing of this grant.

2. **Assessments/Grant Reimbursements/Financial** – We had a beginning balance of \$275K, we received \$36K in assessments, \$12K in grant reimbursements, \$14 from the EMS office for 30% of Tony's pay, the expenses and payroll are \$145K and our balance is \$193K.
3. **2025 Exercises** – We will have a tabletop exercise for the Airport in May, and it will be downsized to a private jet crashing with 12 people onboard. We had our CGS exercise last week. It took 9 hours to set up the EOC. Ray thought the biggest problem was getting the emails going and working properly for each position. He feels it is very important to work towards a warm EOC because if we need to stand it up, 9 hours is just too long to get it running. The PNWU exercise has been moved 3 different times which runs into scheduling issues with a lot of players. Mike has been doing some exercises in Grandview, and he is over at Good Samaritan today. He has been doing a lot of tabletop exercises with the nursing homes, which they need for their certifications.
4. **Office Updates** – Congressman Newhouse was here to talk about congressional funding for the warm EOC. He suggested that we approach the state for some capital funding.
5. **Volunteers** – They continue to meet every month and have training meetings monthly also. Kyle and Patricia commented on the holiday party together with the volunteers and how interesting it was to see the span of ages and walks of life of our volunteers. Kyle said in October he will try to come up with a list of businesses so we can send a letter to ask for contributions for something for the volunteers because they appreciate what the volunteers do.

V. **Old Business:**

Tony

1. Alert Yakima demos – we have talked with Regroup and WENS. Tony is working on scheduling a demo with Code Red.
2. Meeting Dates: May 21, August 20, and November 19, 2025

VII. **New Business:**

Tony

1. ILA – This is the agreement between the municipalities, and the county's ILA is renewed every 5 years when we update our CEMP. The state's new regulation is that we must have a resolution from every city and the county that is adopting this office to do their emergency management. The main change was that we put Tony's official title as it is, Emergency Services Director. Kyle looked for a motion from the board to approve the 2025 ILA as proposed. Patricia moved to adopt the ILA that has been proposed, Mike seconded the motion, all in favor and approved. Tony will send it out and let the jurisdictions know if they would like to have a study session about it, he would do that with them.
We had the 402 class for elected officials - there were just 5 attendees, but it was productive. Grandview's Mayor and City Manager attended and learned a lot. They want to be more active, and they are doing a lot of training. Mike has been working with them and the EMS office went down and trained with them. The EMS office has equipment for tourniquet and chest seal training which squirts blood. All their officers and the school district trained in it. Tony would like to do more training with this equipment and has talked with Jim Moore from Yakima PD, and they are going to train on this too.
2. 2025 Exercises – covered earlier
3. EOC Space – There was some talk about YVCOG setting up an EOC space in their new build-out. From what everyone understands, it would be a space that people could come and use if needed. Our warm EOC would be for all the jurisdictions in the county to use during an emergency event. With the fires that we are having in the state and the lack of Incident Management Teams available, our EOC will be available to use. During the fires last year, the state told Ray that the Keys Road fire was his to run. Ray said that he served on a Type 3 Incident Management Team and that is generally what you will get with State MOB requests, and they were always looking for places to set up and run out of.
Kyle asked Tony if he was able to connect with Dale or Brian from the county regarding relocating the server farm to our location. Tony said there has been a little bit of talk about it and he thinks it would be fine to put it down here as it shouldn't take up much room. Kyle said they have a server farm where over 20 different cities and counties in our state back up data. The HVAC system that keeps it running currently is failing and within 3 years they will have to replace it at a cost of millions of dollars. Kyle brought up that it should be the hub of all emergency communications, and we have a secure location and supported by a backup generator.
Tony found out recently that the big green generator outside our building will only run the lights in the hallway, so our EOC and this office have no backup generator. Kyle asked if facilities

were helping us with this. Tony said he needed to talk with Bobby about what it would take to fix it or what needs to be done. The generator for SunComm is very large and could run the whole building, but it was just wired for SunComm.

4. Stakeholder Expectations – Tony is building predetermined zones for evacuations which will help when we have emergencies.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER –

The World Cup next year – Patricia said there will be 6 games in Seattle at Lumen Field in June 2026. They have identified fan zones throughout the state. Yakima has been chosen as a fan zone and the city is talking about what that looks like and how they need to prepare for it. They are expecting a million people to come into the state and over \$930,000,000 in income. Kyle asked for a motion to adjourn, Patricia made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Carl seconded it, all in favor and moved.

IX. NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2025

ACRONYMS:

AFG – Assistant to Firefighters Grant

CEMP – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

CERT – Community Emergency Response Team

CGS – Columbia Generating Station

CR22 – Cascadia Rising

CWPP – Community Wildfire Protection Plan

DMCC - Disaster Medical Control Center

EAS – Emergency Alert System

EOC – Emergency Operations Center

EM – Emergency Management

ENS – Emergency Notification System

DNR - Dept. of Natural Resources

DOH – Department of Health

FMAG – Fire Management Assistant Grant

HAZMAT – Hazard Materials

HMP – Hazard Mitigation Plan

IC – Incident Commander

LECC – Local Emergency Communication Committee

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee

NNO – National Night Out

OEM -Office of Emergency Management

PFHMG- Post Fire Hazard Mitigation Grant

PIO – Public Information Officer

QR Code – Matrix barcode – machine-readable

SAR – Search and Rescue

SECC - State Emergency Communication Committee

YSO – Yakima Sheriff's Office

YVOEM – Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management