

**Yakima Valley
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting
September 22, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.**

Meeting called to order at 11:32

Meeting Minutes:

A Motion was made to approve July 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion seconded. All approved. July 22, 2025, minutes approved

Treasurer Report: 501(c)3

Nothing to report. No balance. No donations have been received.

Board: No new updates.

Guest Presentation (Darigold Hazmat Incident 8/11/2025): Chief Cameron Haubrich, Sunnyside Fire Department presented.

On August 11th at 2:30 p.m., Sunnyside Fire Department was dispatched to Darigold for a reported hazardous materials incident. Initial information from dispatch was limited, with callers reporting a “chemical mixture” and describing “dark fumes” and that “it’s bad”. The first arriving unit established Incident Command and conducted a 360-degree assessment of the scene. An amber/yellow substance was observed coming from the building, prompting a full hazmat response. Command requested a 2nd alarm for an additional hazmat team resources from Yakima Fire and Yakima Valley Emergency Management. Department of Ecology was also notified of the incident.

Contact was made with Darigold’s maintenance manager to ensure all employees were uninjured and outside of the building. The manager determined that all employees were outside of the building and accounted for. No injuries were reported. Staff provided information, as well as a video of the affected rooms.

Upon arrival of Yakima Fire, four responders were put into Level A suits (protocol requires two personnel to enter while two remain outside for safety), the Hazmat team was informed of what chemicals were believed to be involved. Entry was made – no visible product flow was found, a steel barrel in the containment area was found to be 70% dissolved. The containment area was full of fluids of unknown types. It was determined that three valves were in open positions. Upon exiting two of the valves were able to be shut off.

Safety Data Sheets were requested to determine the chemical or chemicals. Air quality was monitored during the incident at the command post.

Conclusion: Approximately 1.100 gallons of MPA No 168 (Nitric Acid) and 30 gallons of Ultrasolv No 580 (highly concentrated water-soluble solvent additive for cleaning) were spilled.

*One of the biggest hurdles for a Hazmat team is the identification of chemicals during an incident.

Member Updates:

Participants provided updates on safety drills and training completed at their facilities.

Local Hazardous Materials Teams Update:

Yakima Fire - Hazmat Team was dispatched to Darigold Hazmat Incident.

Emergency Management Update:

Completed Exercises/Training/Outreach provided by Emergency Management:

- EOC Communication Exercise
- Grandview High School – Active Shooter Full-scale exercise (August 12th)

Upcoming Exercises/Training provided by Emergency Management:

- Great Shake Out – Earthquake Drill (October 16th)
- ICS 400 Course – December 10th – 11th

REMINDER TO SIGN UP FOR “ALERT YAKIMA”

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.