

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

Meeting called to order at 11:34

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes approved

Treasurer Report: 501(c)3

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

Grant Opportunities: Nothing to report. Item should be removed from future Agendas.

Board: No new updates.

Guest Presentation (Cybersecurity Plan): Yakima Chief Hops

A committee was established with representatives from various departments to develop a Business Continuity Plan (BCP). The BCP project had two main objectives:

1. Develop a comprehensive framework for business continuity.
2. Address one major potential business disruption by identifying what is critical to maintain revenue generation during a crisis.

The committee evaluated potential risks and threats that could significantly impact operations. Each risk was assessed and ranked based on five criteria:

- Alignment with strategic goals
- Financial impact
- Market impact
- Reputational impact
- Complexity

Risks were scored on a scale of 1 to 5. Cybersecurity emerged as the highest-ranked threat due to its potential to penetrate core IT infrastructure and cause disruptions lasting four or more days.

Impact of a Cybersecurity Threat:

- Strategic Alignment: Loss of automation efficiency and disruption of market strategies would hinder planned business outcomes.
- Alpha Sales: High-volume shipping would be disrupted, resulting in margin erosion and failure to meet objectives.
- CRS Plans: Minimal correlation or impact noted.
- Digital Strategies: Transactional interfaces would be lost, severely disrupting digital operations.

The cybersecurity risk was rated extreme in all five categories: financial, market, reputational, strategic alignment, and complexity.

Next Steps:

- Prioritize network recovery by developing both a Disaster Recovery Plan and an Incident Management Plan.
- Identify critical business functions and define strategies to maintain operations during emergencies.

Member Updates:

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

Local Hazardous Materials Teams Update:

Yakima Fire - Hazmat Team participated in railcar training.

Landmark Care evacuation due to fire. Laundered linens were not fully rinsed of cleaning chemicals, which led to spontaneous combustion.

Emergency Management Update:

Completed Exercises/Training/Outreach provided by Emergency Management:

- Bureau of Reclamation Dams Exercise
- EOC Communication Exercise

Upcoming Exercises/Training provided by Emergency Management:

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

REMINDER TO SIGN UP FOR “ALERT YAKIMA”

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.