



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

Wednesday, May 21, 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	Board Members Absent
Ray Lamoureux, County Fire Chiefs	

Meeting Packet Contents: Current Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes

I. **Call to Order 9:31 am** Patricia

II. **Approval of February 19, 2025, Meeting minutes (Action Item)**
Patricia proposed a motion to approve February 19, 2025, meeting minutes; Carl made a motion to approve, Scott seconded the motion, all in favor and approved.

III. **Financial Reports and Resolutions:** Tony
Sustainment Grants Status – The Federal Government is still withholding the future 2025 grants for emergency management along with other agencies. We have joined a lawsuit with 6 other states against the current federal administration over these grants. As of now, nothing is moving forward for sustainment grants for the 2025 cycle. Tony found out they are not adjusting our current 2024 grants we are working on now.

IV. **Status Updates and Notable Events:** Tony/Pam/Nici

1. **Grant Status** – Nici reported that for 2025 she has submitted 10 grants totaling \$16+ million. Three of those are for direct congressional spending for the new EOC; they went out to Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell and Congressman Newhouse. Newhouse's office reached out as they were going over their information this week. We should be hearing back from Legends and hopefully the CWDG which is for West Valley, East Valley and Selah, for a \$5 million grant for mitigation work. We have not heard about the AFG grants that she has submitted. The Safer grant will be opening this Friday, and she will be helping District 5 and Selah with them. GESA will open the end of June, and she has some to do for both fire and police.
2. **Assessments/Grant Reimbursements/Financial** – At the end of our last meeting we had a balance of \$192K, we received \$125K in assessments, \$6,479K from our HMGP for generator / back-up power work, which came from 2018 fires. The projects were started, but costs increased to the point of not being able to afford the project, so this was reimbursement for studies completed to do the work. Selah and Nile FD got generators from DNR. We received \$131K for grant reimbursements this year, miscellaneous income of \$272, reimbursements from the EMS office \$15K, expenses and payroll were \$149K with a balance of \$320K.
3. **2025 Exercises** – We did the practice CGS in March; it was for locals to practice doing an exercise in the EOC. We have the Airport tabletop exercise coming up in a week. It is a small-scale exercise using a business class airplane instead of a commercial one. The airport recommended this as small aircraft is what they have the most at our airport. Next year will be a functional exercise and the following year will be full scale. Mike has been working with Grandview schools, Police and Fire departments on an active shooter exercise that will be held in August. LEPC will be doing a tabletop HAZMAT exercise this year.
4. **Office Updates** – The EOC plan – we are hoping the funding will come through with Congressman Newhouse. Tony asked Kyle to talk to facilities to find out how much it would cost to hook up the green generator to the training room and this office. We found out that it will only run the lights in the hallway. SunComm has a huge so Tony will talk to Blake to see if we can tap into that. It is wildfire season so we will start getting busier. The last weekend there was an

incident at the Firing Center with 11 people being transported. This was a mass casualty event and the DMCC was called. There was some confusion as they used Gate 11 which is in Kittitas County. There were 4 yellows (wounded) that were transported to Memorial, but the hospital was not notified. We will do an after-action report and work on fixing what went wrong with this event. We have been working on evacuation practices. Kyle asked if we keep records of when these events occur. Tony explained that he keeps a log of all calls with time, date, who called and what the event is, then he notes what was done. If he goes out, he notes what he did.

5. **Volunteers** – The volunteers continue to meet every month and have been training a lot. They go out to different areas to get familiar with more areas. They use the radios to call in and stage at different landmarks. Chase has taken the lead on the animal evacuation team. He contacted the back country horseman's group and 4 people from that group joined our team. The president of that group has a big ranch out in Selah. They can hold quite a few horses in case of emergencies, so we are talking to them about setting that up. We still have the fairgrounds to house animals in case of evacuations. The teams are coming up with some good ideas.

V. **Old Business:** Tony

1. Mass notification vendor decision. Over the last year we have watched 4 different demonstrations with different vendors. In talking with Erica McNamara from SunComm and a few others who have been involved, we feel that CodeRED (Crisis24) would be the best system for all of us. The cost is \$35,831.67 plus tax for the first year with 5% increases each year. Year 2 will be \$\$37,623.25 plus tax and year 3 will be \$39,504.42 plus tax. We are paying \$63,550. per year for Everbridge now. Regroup was around \$58K, WENS was about \$50K. With CodeRED we will also have the 3rd party cell phone data which will increase our connectivity by 65 – 70% in the county. This system also has the translation piece which will be better than google translate. The plan is to get all our data transferred over from Everbridge and be able to run them side by side for a month to ensure training and coverage. Patricia proposed a motion to approve CodeRED as our new alert system and for Tony to sign the contract, Scott made a motion to approve, Mike seconded the motion, all in favor and approved.
We had TS set up a ring down system from our 574-1900 line. Volunteers will be here during an event to answer the calls and questions from callers.
2. Meeting Dates: August 20, and November 19, 2025

VII. **New Business:** Tony

1. ILA – We have received most of the signed ILA and resolution. Granger, Mabton, Sunnyside and Wapato are working on getting the resolutions signed. Yakima will have it on their agenda soon.
2. 2025 Exercises – covered earlier
3. EOC Space – covered earlier
4. Stakeholder Expectations – Tony is building predetermined evacuation zones and has completed Selah, Nile, and East Valley. He is working on the zones for the City of Yakima with Deputy Chief Hutsell. Next he will work on West Valley and up to Highland. District 5 will be the big one. He needs to talk with the Yakama Nation to make sure they are good with Tony doing evacuation notices and helping go door to door. Chief Lamoureux said he thinks having these zones set up will help with getting evacuation notices out quicker. He can name a zone and ask for it to be a Level 1, another zone Level 2 and it will make the process more efficient and clearer.

VIII. **GOOD OF THE ORDER –**

Nothing brought up. Patricia asked for a motion to adjourn, Carl motioned to adjourn, Kyle seconded the motion, all in favor and approved.

IX. **NEXT MEETING:** August 20, 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

