



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

Wednesday, September 11, 2025 – 11:00
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	Mike McMullen – Planner, YVOEM
Ray Lamoureux, County Fire Chiefs	
	Board Members Absent:
	Scott Carmack – Mayor, City of Zillah

Meeting Packet Contents: Current Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order 11:00 am** Kyle
- II. **Approval of May 25, 2025, Meeting minutes (Action Item)**
 Kyle proposed a motion to approve May 25, 2025, meeting minutes; Mike made a motion to approve, Carl seconded the motion, all in favor and approved.
- III. **Financial Reports and Resolutions:** Tony
Sustainment Grants Status –Our sustainment grants are EMPG, which is from FEMA and SHSP which is from Homeland Security. The state had us do our applications for both of those, the EMPG was \$121K which is comparable to what we have received in the past. The state puts each regional application together and sends a combined application to the Feds. If it is approved, the money comes back to the state and is distributed to each region. The EMPG was sent in on July 31st, and we haven't heard anything back on it. The SHSP has the stipulations of sanctuary cities in it. The state is part of the suit against the government. The Governor stood strong at his press conference last month saying we are not budging. Both grants are still up in the air. We just finished our 24EMPG July 31. We are a year behind with our SHSP so we are just starting our 24SHSP which is \$54K. Some of that will carry into next year.
 The Director of WA Emergency Management Dept. has been holding meetings with the Emergency Management Directors across the state. The state is trying to see how they can help the locals, but that is a year or two out. There are no other funding sources out there. In the future the SHSP grant will be using national priorities that don't fall under what we do (border security, cybersecurity, and election security), so that will lower what we are eligible for if the funding comes back. The alert & warning system use to be a priority but is not now so it has to come out of other funds.
- IV. **Status Updates and Notable Events:** Tony/Pam/Nici
 1. **Grant Status** – Nici reported that for 2025 she has submitted 19 grants with 1 for the fairgrounds ready to submit, totaling \$18 million. We have not heard about the AFG grant, which is a FEMA grant. We haven't heard anything about the Safer grants she applied for. We should be hearing something on the CWDG for West Valley, East Valley and Selah, in about 3 weeks. Concerning the congressional funds we have applied for, Kyle understood that those appropriations are under a Homeland Security resolution that Congress does. He will touch base with Matthew Reid and include Nicole. From what the congressman said, it should be a non-controversial thing that they adopt. That would give us 1.9 million for the EOC. Nici is doing some research for the Sheriff's office for water rescue equipment, but she is finding that it is very hard to get a grant for that.
 2. **Assessments/Grant Reimbursements/Financial** – At the end of our last meeting we had a balance of \$320K, we received \$55K in assessments and they are all up to date. We had miscellaneous income of \$2,600. We received \$135K for grant reimbursements this year, reimbursements from the EMS office \$15K, expenses and payroll were \$206K with a balance of \$320K.

3. **2025 Exercises** – Mike has been helping a lot of the skilled nursing places with exercises this year. He is working on a big exercise with Grandview School district, Police and Fire on an active shooter drill. They are working toward doing a full-size exercise next year. We had the Airport tabletop exercise in May. It is a small-scale exercise using a private passenger plane. They haven't had a small exercise and wanted to have a more realistic one for our airport. Nici is doing this exercise, and she is doing a great job.
4. **Office Updates** – We received the money which Legends awarded us for our Incident Command Trailer, and the trailer is fully in service and has been used a few times. We will be taking the trailer to the fairgrounds for law enforcement to use. They are going to bring the mobile flock units to use at the fair and there will be people in the trailers monitoring those cameras. They will also be using walk through metal detectors at the fair. We purchased 4 of them this year and they were used at Hopfest in east valley and worked great. The fairgrounds recently purchased 4 of them so they will be used at each entrance gate at the fair. They worked great and counted how many people came through and how many hits they had on them. The scanners are pretty accurate and will pick up a pocketknife in a sock. You can adjust the sensitivity to them also. Ours will be open to use for events in the county
5. **Volunteers** – The volunteers continue to meet every month and train each month also. We activated them for the Wildcat fire to do level 2 evacuations since we cannot send a mass notification to that area. They did a good job. They are doing good work planning and making sure everything is ready to go.

V. **Old Business:**

Tony

1. ILA – between all the jurisdictions and us is almost complete. We are waiting on a couple of signed resolutions, but we do have signatures on the agreement from every jurisdiction.
2. EOC Space – we are just waiting to hear on this. Kyle asked if we had decided to flip our office with WSU and Tony said we did. WSU is aware of it and good with it. Kyle said the county will probably be doing a feasibility study to see if moving the data center down here would make sense. It is located at county roads now.
3. CEMP-This must be updated every 5 years and goes along with our Hazard Mitigation Plan. Nici is working on updating it and has done a phenomenal job with it. Nici reported that she got it all together and sent it to the state and they had a couple changes that were mandatory, so she got those done. They have scheduled a public meeting for September 18th. It was posted and we have only had one comment on it asking if we had it in Spanish. It is a 900-page document, and we don't have a way to translate that big of a document. Kyle asked about the HMP and any districts, like Tieton Irrigation, and if and how we can include them in the plan. Nici is sending the information out to all the entities we are aware of. There is no cost to them to be a part of the plan; Nici is just asking them to put together a small annex stating what their risks are and that will be put into our plan. Kyle said he will be happy to help if there are some jurisdictions that are not responding. The tribe has a plan of their own.
4. CodeRED-Kyle asked how the new system is working. Tony reported that it is going well. We have had some hiccups, but we are working through them. We have had a couple of agencies that have said they don't like it and want to change because it isn't working for them internally. He has had to remind them that the internal piece they can utilize is just a bonus of the system.

VII. **New Business:**

Tony

1. 2026 Budget
2. Interoperability between Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services

VIII. **Executive Session** –

IX. **NEXT MEETING:** November 19, 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

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