



# Emergency Medical Services Administrative Board

2403 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, Union Gap, WA 98903 • (509) 574-2145 • FAX (509) 574-2159



## EMS Administrative Board August 9, 2023

### 1. Open the meeting

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Aaron Markham moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Les Riel. Motion passed.

### 3. Introduction of attendees:

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Jim Borst, Fire Commissioners	Kevin Hodges, MD, Medical Program Director
Joel Byam, Fire Chiefs	Jim Lange, Fire Chiefs
Mike Costello, Councilmember, City of Selah	Dave Lynde, Ambulance, Chair
Kyle Curtis, County Commissioner	Les Riel, Fire Commissioners
Sam Glanzer, Fire Commissioners	Jackie Wantland, Hospital Representative

#### Board Members Absent:

None

#### Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Dan Boyle, Fire Commissioners

#### Alternate Board Members Absent:

Nathan Craig, Fire Chiefs | Tim Smith, Fire Chiefs

#### Department of Emergency Medical Services in Attendance:

Tony Miller, ES Director | Diane Koch, Office Specialist  
Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager/Training Coordinator

#### Department of Emergency Medical Services Absent:

None

Guest(s): Eric McNamara, Treena Russell

### 4. Open Public Input – none

### 5. Communication – none

6. **Approval of minutes:** Sam Glanzer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2023, meeting, Jim Lange seconded. Motion approved.

### 7. Reports from committees/agencies

Tony Miller, ES Director reported:

- a. The Training Coordinator/EMS Operations Manager has been filled by Jeremy Rodriguez. Started August 1<sup>st</sup>. We are very pleased to have him. Has been teaching for the office since 1998.
- b. EMT Courses:
  - Jeremy Rodriguez reported that the Fall EMT Course has 10 students. Initial impressions of the students are that they are very excited about the course. The students all did well at CPR course on August 7<sup>th</sup> and the Orientation Day is Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Emergency Medical Services Administrative Board

2403 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, Union Gap, WA 98903 • (509) 574-2145 • FAX (509) 574-2159



### 8. Old Business

a. Lucas devices – Tony Miller

We applied for ARPA money to purchase the Lucas device, that is still going through the process to get the funds and contracts complete. The grant received was for \$550,000.

Per Commissioner Curtis, Tony should have an email this Friday and as soon as it is signed it will be signed the following Tuesday by the County Commissioners. The \$550,000 is more than our budget, so the money must come first so we can pay for the Lucas Devices. We will have enough devices so that each fire department/agency will receive one.

### 9. New Business

a. Pro QA Funding - Erica McNamara, Director, SunComm presented the group with information on the new software for EMD. This is from Priority Dispatch and YCDEMS will be paying out of our reserve funds the cost of the implementation of \$130,706 (see attached quote for more information).

SunComm will pay for annual maintenance including Pulse Point. This will be an annual fee for SunComm (see attached quote for more information).

Commissioner Curtis made a motion to approve this expenditure from the reserve EMS funds. Seconded by Les Riel. Motion passed.

The goal is to have this implemented by February 2024.

We will need to have Craig Warner assist us in completing a budget amendment for the county commissioners to approve this year.

b. 2024 Budget – the information is not yet out for the 2024 budget. The process from Yakima County has changed so we will either have a special budget meeting or review the budget at the November meeting.

The EMS office, will be starting to reimburse OEM for 30% of mileage for the vehicle driven by Tony Miller, ES Director, as he uses this vehicle for EMS functions.

c. RFP – Note Commissioner Curtis requested that the AMR and ALS representatives leave the room during the discussion.

Commissioner Curtis reported that he contacted legal and requested information on why this is taking so long, since this process was started in the Fall of 2019. We are currently waiting on the county to complete the initial contract proposal and send it to AMR for their team to review. At that point, negotiations will start between AMR and Yakima County.

- AMR is requesting a term length longer than 3 years, as it will take time to gear up to meet all of the contract requirements. For example: it takes approximately a year to receive a new ambulance.
- If AMR pulls out we need to have language that we can rent their ambulances at fair market rate/
- Discussion on what body will regulate compliance. The Administrative Board would prefer to have a committee from the board to review any compliance issues due to the board members' understanding of prehospital response and possible issues that may occur.
- Discussion on having SunComm & Valley Fire review dispatch language. Currently the program that AMR uses for dispatch and Spillman are not talking. This is an issue on the Spillman side. Spillman has been contacted several times but has yet to respond to SunComm regarding this.



## Emergency Medical Services Administrative Board

2403 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, Union Gap, WA 98903 • (509) 574-2145 • FAX (509) 574-2159



### 10. For the Good of the Order

- a. The following positions are expiring on 12/31/2023:

Fire Chiefs' Representative

Jim Lange

Fire Commissioners' Representative

Les Riel

Ambulance Representative (recommended by the Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council)

Dave Lynde

The groups make recommendations to county commissioners and the county commissioners make the appointments.

11. The next regularly scheduled meeting is 09:00 on, November 8, 2023. In person is at the EMS Office in the classrooms.

Zoom Information:

Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Nov 8, 2023 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83311727020?pwd=YjZyQ1lsUXBKeIRmQnRtdEFJenRnQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 1172 7020

Passcode: 438352

One tap mobile

+12532050468,,83311727020#,,,,\*438352# US

+12532158782,,83311727020#,,,,\*438352# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location

• +1 253 205 0468 US

• +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 833 1172 7020

Passcode: 438352

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83311727020?pwd=YjZyQ1lsUXBKeIRmQnRtdEFJenRnQT09>

12. Meeting adjourned.