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Ambulance Response Time Committee
September 18, 2025 2pm

Minutes

1. **In Person Location: 2403 S. 18th Street, Union Gap, WA**
   Meeting called to order at 14:00 pm

   Roll Call:
   Members present: Chief Lange, Chief Markham, Dave Lynde, Joel Byam
   Members absent: Tony Miller

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – Treena Russell, ALS, Rocco Roncarati, AMR and Diane Koch, DEMS

3. APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES: Aaron Markham stated that under New Business, it should say "brown out". Jim Lange made a motion to approve the August 21, 2025 minutes with the following change:
   11. New Business – Chiefs group request definition and consensus of what a brown **out** is defined as. Lower valley ambulance standby requests.
   Seconded by Joel Byam. Motion passed.
   Correction was made to the August minutes, and the minutes will be posted online.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence

5. Public Comment: None

6. Agency Report: Dave Lynde reported that it has now been a year since the new system went live (9/10/2024-9/10/2025). 84.6% was the overall compliance during the past year. The only Zone that did not meet the compliance was Zone 5 and there is a plan to fix this zone.

   A year-in-view report is being compiled and will be sent out by the end of September.

   For August Zone 5 data reflects the same issue that has been ongoing.
   Zone 9 (Harrah/White Swan) was 93.4% for August. For Zone 9 the mapping shows a road that is not paved and there have been 2 instances of ambulances getting stuck there. A request has been submitted to remove the unpaved road out of the mapping system.

   Discussion followed on questions that the members have been asked:
   Confirmed that when both a BLS and ALS ambulance are sent to the same call the clock stops at the first resource to arrive on-scene, whether it is the BLS or ALS ambulance.
   Confirmed that when more than one resource is assigned to one address/location it does not count as system saturation.
   Confirmed that when an ambulance is marked as busy and they are at the hospital it does not count as system saturation.

   Discussion on how a private call is handled when (it is a direct call to the ambulance service and does not go through the 911 system). If a private call comes in, it goes through the triage system. If it is of a higher acuity than a 911 call (for example a difficulty breathing vs a lift assist) then resources would be directed towards the high acuity call.

   Discussion on the number of ambulances available and reviewing the coverage plan.

7. Compliance Decision: Committee recommendation for August after discussion:
   Motion to recommend, per current rate in contract, damages for Zone 9 and to waive damages for Zone 5 until the issue is fixed. Seconded by Joel Byam. Motion passed.
   Notification of recommendation to be given to Tony Miller, ES Director to forward to County legal and BOCC.

8. OLD BUSINESS:
   A. Follow up on Zone 5 – during the last Administrative Board meeting it was recommended to split Zone 5 into an "A" with a 10-minute response time and a "B" with a 15-minute response time. This is now at county legal.

   B. Per request from Commissioner Curtis, a definition of a "brown out" for the public was requested. Per the Fire Chief's Association, a "brown out" is when a 911 call comes in and there are no ambulances available to be dispatched.

      Discussion followed on different data that may be available and what should be put on the website.

9. NEW BUSINESS: None

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

11. **NEXT MEETING October 16, 2025 14:00**
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12. ADJOURNMENT: Joel Byam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 15:05, seconded by Jim Lange. Meeting adjourned.