

Special Meeting Minutes  
Spokane Regional Emergency Communications Governing Board  
January 15, 2026

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chief Cody Rohrbach called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The following Board members were in attendance:

Board Members

Chief Cody Rohrbach – Spokane County Fire District 3 (Chair)  
Chief Brad Richmond – Airway Heights Police Department (Vice Chair)  
Sheriff John Nowels – Spokane County Sheriff's Office  
Chief Frank Soto, Jr. – Spokane Valley Fire Department  
Chief Dave Ellis – Spokane Valley Police Department  
Assistant Chief Howard Johnson – Spokane County Fire District 4  
Chief Tom Williams – Spokane Fire Department  
Scott Simmons – Spokane County  
Maggie Yates – City of Spokane  
Gayne Sears – Citizen Representative

Staff

Lori Markham, Executive Director  
Kim Arredondo, Deputy Director  
Dusty Patrick, Technical Services Director  
Tim Henry, Finance Manager  
Jeff Tower, HR Manager

Auxiliary Partners

Brian Werst, WBM  
Matt Vinci, SCFD9  
Don Malone, SCFD10

**2. Consent Agenda**

a. December 18, 2025, Special Meeting

Scott Simmons motioned to approve the December 18, 2025, special meeting minutes. Howard Johnson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Action Items**

a. ESRI GIS Licensing Renewal

Dusty Patrick explained the documentation was included in the packet. This has been budgeted for and is \$64,665.96 including tax. This is used internally for the CAD system for routing units, and externally through the web and mobile devices, as an evacuation tool for citizens during a fire. Brad Richmond motioned to approve the licensing renewal. Scott Simmons seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

b. New Facility Backup Radio Purchase

Dusty Patrick explained the quote was provided in the board packet. The purchase is for six consolettes at the BUC to provide backup functionality. This has been included in the new facility capital budget and is \$165,235.64 with tax. Howard Johnson motioned to approve the purchase. Scott Simmons seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

c. Portable Radio Donation

Dusty Patrick explained the request is to donate these radios to the Spokane County jail for their nursing staff. These radios are operational, but not supported anymore and as they die, there will be no reliance on SREC, they will be disposed of. They have been sent to auction twice with no bids. Tom Willimas motioned to approve the donation. Scott Simmons seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**4. New Business**

No new business.

**5. Old Business**

a. City of Spokane

Cody Rohrbach explained there are barriers with SREC conveying the old phone system to the City of Spokane. Motorola will not support them any longer, the phone system was technically end of life in March of 2023, so Motorola has already supported it passed its time. Bryce Leming will send out a briefing paper to explain in more detail. Lori Markham furthered that components of the current phone system (located at the CCB – combined communications center) will be taken down to be reinstalled at the new facility in preparation for the new phone system and this will have an impact on the City of Spokane. SREC will update the City of Spokane as things are more defined. The agencies will work together in collaboration with Motorola to identify possible solutions.

b. Facility Update

Lori Markham stated an update sheet was provided in the Board packet. Demolition has started and hard hats are required. Everything is going well and there have been no surprises. The final designs and prices will be laid out over the next couple weeks, then the building committee will meet in early February to review everything and bring to the Board for action at the February meeting.

**6. Staff Reports**

a. Operations

Kim Arredondo explained a third Prepared live (AI – non-emergency call triage) test was conducted yesterday. The test went well and had learned from the first two; there will be a final test before going live early February. Kim presented the operations report and reminded the Board there are no phone analytics at the BUC (backup center). SREC will discuss other analytics options with the FCAB and LCAB groups. EMD statistics are still meeting the threshold for accreditation, with a good amount being well above the threshold. The next academy will start on January 19, 2026, some of the 911 trainees have moved onto the floor, and there will be a trainee moving into law dispatch and one into fire dispatch over the next few weeks. There is an 8% vacancy rate. Dave Ellis requested there to be more than a one-year comparison with the statistics. Kim stated that it can be further discussed at LCAB.

b. Technical

Dusty Patrick stated work continues on reprogramming the portable and mobile radios. The IT group is getting everything set up for the new academy at the temporary facility and working on the phone system upgrade. The CAD group is still working on finalizing the implementation plan. The project kickoff for the new RMS system is scheduled for next week. The GIS group is working with DEM on a replacement for the CodeRed alerting system. DEM is moving away from CodeRed as their notification system.

c. Finance

Tim Henry stated the 2024 audit field work portion has been completed with no questions or requests so far. The team is working on 2025-year end, W2's and I9's, as well as a 2026 budget amendment that will be brought to the finance committee next month based on the provisions of the County – SREC – City ILA. Tim thanked Jenni Folden for all her hard work.

d. Human Resources

Jeff Tower explained liability insurance went down but the facility (building) insurance went up, so an increase overall. The first quarterly meeting with WCIA is scheduled for tomorrow to look at trends for 2027.

e. Administration

Lori Markham explained they are still finalizing the ILA with Spokane County for the new RMS system. Lori stated that she has accepted the nomination for Vice President of the WA APCO-NENA state chapter. Scott Simmons explained the finalizing of the ILA has helped provide clarity, expectations, obligations, prices and timelines for everyone involved.

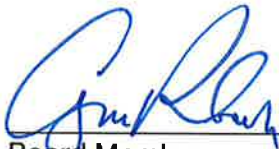
**7. Open/Public Comment**

No open/public comment

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

The next regular Governing Board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.



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