

Berks EMS Working Group

August 7, 2012

Organizational Representation/Attendance: Tim Moyer (Schuylkill Valley), Dave Babb (Boyertown), Ed Moreland (Kutztown EMS), Matt Stariker (LA/DES), Jim Bitler (TRHMC/SIR), HD Miller (WBEMS), Joel Calarco (MedEvac), Roy Del Rosario (WBEMS), Anthony Martin (TRHMC), Jim Conrad (Reading EMS)

Meeting convened by Chairman Tim Moyer at 1005

Motion to accept the minutes of July 2012 by Matt Stariker, seconded by Dave Babb accepted.

DES

Matt Stariker—All services should check to see if they received an email from Brian about their radio order and they must RMI if their order is not yet completed. DES is still working on bugs with new CAD system. If you have issues contact the watch officer.

Brian is in West Virginia inspecting shelters for new tower sites for acceptance

911 failure – DES has no new information. The issue appears to be a trunk line switch which failed with calls that were stuck in queue. Callers to 911 were receiving a message to “please hold for next operator”, but the calls were not going through. Once the issue was identified EAS messages were sent via TV and radio to use the 10 digit numbers to call for assistance. There were approximately 150 calls impacted, and call backs were made to all that were capable of calling.

Texting – There are some users still receiving double texting intermittently, also seeing issues with email and texting.

How much information should be included in text messaging info? Discussion followed and included ideas to remove some of the data labels within the text message to allow for more content. Consensus is to test and discuss at next meeting.

Radio advisory (Dave Miller) – see DES rpt

RCTTF - - portable state 800 radios were purchased and issued to TRHMC and SJMC

Eastern PA EMS Council – no reps

TRHMC -

Jim Bitler – TRHMC is considering holding an active shooter drill at some point in the future. At present it is still in planning phases.

Anthony Martin reports that the CARES program is in place at TRHMC. Food in EMS room today to celebrate AHA awards for STEMI and Stroke care. DTB for July median 52 min.

Looking to hold an ALS assist class in November/December. Class will be free.

Chest pain center is looking at time synchronization amongst care givers, and dispatch center, especially pre-hospital EKGs and syncing with hospital stuff. Not sure how to proceed. This will become a hot topic amongst the chest pain centers as they seek reaccreditation

SJMC no rep

PennStar—no rep

MedEvac – several leadership changes---Joel Calarco, business development and outreach director. Joel works for MedEvac and is not to replace the EMS liasons. Keith Micucci is now the MedEvac director. They are looking for feedback, both positive and negative regarding interactions with MedEvac. As part of the move to ensure quality, they have begun using SQ911 surveys. Please look for them after flights and please complete. Also be aware of the flight crews asking for signatures for pt transfer/billing purposes. Flight crews will be working on a better method for handling the required documentation.

OLD business – Matt Stariker brought up the MCI training program and last discussion was that the hospitals were to be looking for funding. SJMC had said if the other program falls through they would consider it. Tim will contact Chris Chamberlain to see if SJMC would consider sponsoring the class.

New business-----Ed Moreland would like to begin revising EMS SOPs. He would like to consider adding emergency procedures, updating unit identifiers and other out of date items. Further discussion at the September meeting.

Pre-hospital transfer form was sent about by the EMS Council. Jim Conrad mentioned that we may want to shorten or trim the form. This appears to more of a Hospital based concern as opposed to an EMS issue.

Motion to adjourn by 1049

Next meeting September 4, 2012 at 1000