

Berks County EMS Working Group

October 1, 2013

In attendance

Dave Babb (Boyertown), Jim Conrad (City EMS), Todd Boughter (DES), Tim Moyer (SVEMS), Christina Wood (DES), HD Miller (WBEMS/Radio Advisory) Doug Demchyk (KATS), Anne Deiterich (KATS) Chris Chamberlain (SJMC/Exeter Fire), Anthony Martin (RHS), Jim Bitler (RHS), Barb Conrad (RHS), Mike Whelan (HAP), Ed Moreland (WBEMS), Brian Gottschall (DES), Matt Stariker (DES/LA), Eric Trubilla (PennStar), Tony Flores (DES)

Meeting opened at 1005 hours by Chairman Moyer.

Motion to accept the minutes made by Dave Babb, Seconded by H. David Miller, passed unanimously

Reading Health System – Hospital broke ground on the new building adjacent to the Emergency Department This new facility will house the trauma beds, operating rooms and additional ED beds. This is a multi-year project. There will be significant impacts to traffic patterns and the ED parking areas. Please be aware that every effort will be made to provide advance notification to changes whenever possible.

Numerous educational programs being held, including the combined Dinner and Learn-Trauma Grand Rounds on October 16th.

Flu Shots are available at the Dinner and Learn beginning at 1700

DES – If anyone is interested in purchasing the DTMF microphones which will allow users to enter their alias number, the cost \$111.

Each organization will be receiving documents from RMI to define what radio identifiers will be used for truck IDs.

The Alias list is also on spread sheet. DES is requesting a 1 week turnaround.

Scanning Decision – Priority 1 – selected channel
Priority 2 – user edited

Disabled scan off hook, meaning the radio will not scan when it is not in the mic clip. This only applies to mobile radios.

There was a discussion regarding dispatching of QRS or other Fire Dept assists to EMS and which, if any healthcare facilities would additional assistance be needed or appreciated.

As part of this discussion different levels of facilities were mentioned: Skilled Nursing Facility, Assisted living, personal care, physicians office, acute/urgent care center, clinic, etc.

As a result, DES will secure a list of the different facilities where QRS responses are required.

Motion made by Steve Kline, and seconded by Dave Babb, with 525, 590, 555, 600, 670, 680, 650, 575 voting in favor. There were zero no votes.

If there are other facilities that are not covered, then a special card will be created. When creating special cards, the FD must be contacted for coordination.

Per Matt Stairiker, DES will be combining the Respiratory Arrest and Cardiac Arrest call types into one, since the response profile is the same for both.

HAP – Please contact Albert DiGideo at Eastern PA EMS Council for access permissions to the HMS Knowledge Center if needed.

There will be an MCI class at the Fire Training Site on November 22. Please distribute as widely as possible.

RCTTF – the RCTTF conference held in concert with the Pocono EMS Conference has been postponed with no dates scheduled.

EMS Council – Dr. Everitt Binns has announced his retirement from the EMS Council, effective the Pocono EMS Conference.

MedEvac – No Rep

PennStar Flight - Eric Trubilla present, PennStar is at the hospital pad

OLD BUSINESS

MCI training – is scheduled for November 22, at 9 am and at 1900 at the fire training site.

Awards event – SVEMS has agreed to be the sponsor organization, but will need a second signer for payments. H. David Miller agreed to assist.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Adjourned at 1130 by motion from Steve Kline and seconded by Jim Conrad.

Next Meeting November 12 at 1000