

Berks DES EMS Working Group September 1, 2015 – As Approved General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Tim Moyer: 10:04

In Attendance:

| Name | Representative(s) |
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| Bally | |
| Bethel | |
| Blandon | |
| Boyertown | |
| Counter Terrorism | Anthony Tucci |
| DES | Todd Boughter; Brian Gottschall; Jonathan Fritz; Matt Stairiker; Christina Wood |
| Elverson | |
| EMS Council | John Kloss; William Lillington |
| Exeter EMS | |
| Exeter Fire | Chris Chamberlain |
| Fleetwood | Jesse Zerbe |
| Hamburg | William Lillington |
| Kutztown | Phil Salamone |
| Lower Alsace | Matt Stairiker |
| LVH Medevac | |
| Muhlenberg | Christian Murray |
| Oley | |
| PennStar | |
| PennState - Saint Joes | Chris Chamberlain |
| Reading Fire Department | Jim Conrad |
| Reading Health System | Anthony Martin |
| RHS School of Health Sciences | Merv Wertz |
| Schuylkill Valley | Tim Moyer |
| Southern Berks | Mike Palamar; D. Shaffer |
| Topton Ambulance | |
| Western Berks | Ed Moreland; Tony Tucci |

Prev. Minutes: Motion to Approve as amended:
Seconded:
Motion Vote:

Jim Conrad
Merv Wertz
Approved

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DES Report – Brian Gottschall

- DES is discussing some changes to SOP regarding since it has been one year since its formation. DES is reaching out to EMS for any issues that may require inclusion.
- Motorola's contract gives one chance to make updates to radio code-plugs in the first year after final system acceptance. It is likely this opportunity will be early summer of next year. Getting there will be a lengthy process similar to the original fleet mapping exercise where each discipline worked alone and then all together for issues that affected cross-discipline use. While all things are on the table, changes are difficult and can expose the system to unanticipated new risks/issues. As such, like the original fleet mapping exercise, DES will be looking for broad consensus before changes are implemented. It is not too early for the work group to start assembling a team to represent EMS in this regard.

MCI Run Card project/EMD Run Card – Matt Stairiker

- Distributed proposed MCI plan levels from Level 1 through Level III (see attachment #2)
- DES is urging those declaring scene command to state quantity of patients and DES is determine level to avoid confusion with other county reporting levels
- Due to the quantity of tone transmission, discussion was made to possibly create “Zone-Tones” to activate all agencies simultaneously, similar to tones existing with Tanker Task Force and Fire Police.

Regional counterterrorism – Anthony Tucci

- No Report

Eastern PA EMS Council – William Lillington/John Kloss

- This year's conference has been moved to *Kalahari Resort*, Pocono Manor, PA
 - Different sessions have been posted to the EMS Council Website
 - Six Classes with speakers for instructors on September 15
 - Class size is limited to 20 instructors
 - If you need to book a room, is it advised to be done as quickly as possible since construction of the property is not complete and space is limited
- New ALS protocols have been published to LMS. All ALS providers must have update complete by October 1, 2015. Protocols will be instituted automatically on 10/1/15, but can be instituted earlier with sign off by agency medical director.
- *KNOX* Company has fixed nearly all regional vehicles that obtained *KNOX* safes with EMSOF funding.
- EMS Council currently has a new-purchase hold since Pennsylvania's budget has not been approved
- EMS Council Meeting on September 16, at 17:00 at NOVA Ambulance. Topics to be discussed include council bylaw changes and the Pope's visit.

Reading Health System – Anthony Martin

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- This month's Dinner and Learn features Dr. V. Shah to discuss Palliative Care and POLST form. In addition to EMS agency invitation, invitations have been sent to county skilled nursing facility directors.
- Sepsis Forum and Education on September 16 at Crowne Plaza Hotel with Dr. A. Shah
- 12Lead 2G Service will soon be no longer available. Agencies that transmit EKG's through this method need to be aware of this and begin to make changes to continue EKG transmission
- Radio reception in ER is still being attended to, Jim Bitler is back and is beginning to work on problem

Reading Health System School of Health Science – Merv Wertz

- Next Paramedic Preceptor Class to be held on October 9, 2015 at School of Health Sciences
- AEMT sign up is still available through the remainder of September
- Center is qualified to perform PHTLS skills review. Will be potentially creating monthly skill station testing.

Saint Joseph Medical Center – Chris Chamberlain

- Thanks to all agencies that participated in the Train Derailment MCI simulation

PennStar: No Report

LVH Medevac: No Report

Old business

- Reading 120 Bike Race – PennDOT has not approved the pending application to permit, all indications appear race will still proceed with or without PennDOT approval
- Next Legislative breakfast is September 18, 2015 at Strausstown Fire Company
- ALS communications
 - Problems still exist with ALS providers utilizing BLS Channels for communication with the hospital. In a single 18 hour period, there were 12 separate ALS reports performed on BLS channels
 - Mr. Kloss reminds all providers that Medcom has a regional communications plan in place and that failing to utilize Medcom for ALS communications is both a Berks County SOP violation and a regional council violation.
 - Mr. Kloss also reminds all providers that the region's medical directors mandate that ALS communications are performed using Medcom. He indicates that there are many law requests for recordings and Medcom keeps these records forever.
 - DES will be monitoring the BLS report channels for violations and will be reporting these incidents to the EMS council
 - Committee Definitions
 - An "ALS Call" is whenever any ALS has been initiated or should be utilized
 - This includes BLS providers attempting to rendezvous for ALS service
 - This includes drivers calling in report for ALS provider
 - Any Medical Command call

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New business:

- Ed Moreland – Lancaster EMS Memorial Bike Ride on 9/11. Brenda Bauer’s name will be read during services at the state capital.
- Ed Moreland – National EMS Leadership Conference at Hershey Lodge on September 10

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| Motion to Close : | Motion to Approve: | Tony Tucci |
| | Seconded: | Phil Salamone |