

# **Berks DES Working Group**

## **April 7, 2015**

### **General Meeting Minutes**

Called to order at 10:09 by Tim Moyer

Minutes distributed by Phil Salamone

- Motion to accept minutes by Matt Stairiker
- Second by Ed Moreland
- Motion Carries

#### **Attendance:**

Dave Babb, Boyertown EMS; Phil Salamone, Kutztown Ambulance; Tim Moyer, Schuylkill Valley EMS; Chris Chamberlain, Saint Joseph Medical Center, Exeter Fire Department EMS; Ed Moreland, Western Berks Ambulance; Todd Boughter, DES; Christina Wood, DES; Brian Gottschall, DES; Matt Stairiker, Lower Alsace Ambulance; Jim Conread, Reading Fire Department; Merv Wertz, Reading Health System, Lower Alsace Ambulance; Christina Wood, DES; Paul Giannini, LVH Medevac; Anthony Martin, Reading Health System;

#### **DES Report – Brian Gottschall**

- ALS patching quality check has been made and exposed due to differences of analog and digital systems. Agencies experiencing problems should report problems to DES watch officers.
- DES reminds all agencies to only use BLS radio channels for BLS reports. ALS reports should be reported to hospitals using ALS hail channels.
- EBA activation procedures as not being followed. Copies of the EBA Activation SOG have been forwarded to all company radio managers for distribution in addition to requests to have radio managers to further educate their field staff.

#### **Counterterrorism – No Report**

#### **Eastern PA EMS Council – No Report**

#### **Reading Health System – Anthony Martin**

- Special thanks to Western Berks Ambulance and Reading Fire Department in their assistance provided during the hospitals 'Active Shooter' drill at Reading Hospital main campus.
- Dinner and Learn series 4/8/15 0 Wake Up Stroke presented by Dr. Horst and Dr. Wong
- A radio amplifier in the hospital was reported to be malfunctioning. Jim Bitler is aware and working on repairs
- 4/13 03:00 Multipurpose rooms, ER E9, ER E10, ER E11 will be shut down due to construction

#### **Reading Health System School of Health Sciences – Merv Wertz**

- Paramedic Refresher/Transition starts 4/10, class is free
- PHRN program is in development and information has been sent to state to format RHS as a instructor site.

#### **Saint Joseph Medical Center – Chris Chamberlain**

- EMS Providers are asked to add patient names to all EKG's that are transmitted to the ER

- Information regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> EMS Week Litter Race will be sent out to local companies within the next few weeks

#### **Other Matters**

- Legislative Breakfast with Municipal leaders on 4/24 at Keystone Fire Company, Boyertown; Presented Ed Moreland requested company pictures for his presentation.
  - Tim will distribute invitation to all Berks County EMS agencies.

#### **Surgical institute – No Representative**

#### **LVH Medevac – Paul Giannini**

- There are positions available at LVH Medevac for their second transport truck LVH plans to place in service 24 hours
- Liaison position is now open as Paul is leaving LVH to pursue a position at Zoll Medical

#### **Pennstar – No Representative**

#### **New Business**

- No new Business to report

Next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2015 at 10:00

Motion to Close – Ed Moreland

Seconded - Dave Babb