

Berks DES Working Group June 2, 2015 - Revised General Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 10:03 by Tim Moyer

Minutes distributed by Phil Salamone

- Motion to accept minutes by Dave Babb
- Second by Merv Wertz
- 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; Anthony Tucci, Western Berks Ambulance; Ed Moreland, Western Berks Ambulance; Michael Palamar, Southern Berks EMS; Todd Boughter, DES; Christina Wood, DES; Bill Lillington, Hamburg EMS, Eastern PA EMS Council; Tony Flores, DES; Brian Gottschall, DES; Matt Stairiker, Lower Alsace Ambulance; Merv Wertz, RHS School of Health Sciences; Christian Murray, Muhlenberg Ambulance; Jim Conrad, Reading Fire Department; Jonathan Fritz, DES;

DES Report – Brian Gottschall

- Several agencies have yet to upgrade all radios to RM server. Upgrade has been delayed for months because several agencies have yet to perform necessary radio updates. Failure to complete necessary updates will result in radio turn off at transition point. Please reach out to the following companies:
 - Albright College Security
 - Berks County Red Cross
 - Bern Township Police
 - Boyertown Area Fire Rescue
 - Central Fire Company of Laureldale
 - Exeter Fire Department
 - Gibraltar Fire Company
 - Hamburg Fire Company
 - Keystone Fire Company of Boyertown
 - Kutztown Fire Company
 - Longswamp EMA
 - Lower Alsace Fire Company
 - Lyons Fire Company
 - Mohnton Fire Company
 - Mount Aetna Fire Company
 - Muhlenberg EMS
 - Muhlenberg Fire Department – Goodwill
 - Reading Police Department
 - Seisholtzville Fire Company
 - Topton EMS
 - Virginville Fire Company
 - Western Berks EMS
- DES welcomes back Jonathan Fritz. Jonathan will be in charge of Total Visibility System

- Western Berks Class 4 Subject has changed protocols regarding EBA activation
 - EBA Activation with no response – Local/State police (depending on jurisdiction) will be sent to investigate
 - EBA Activation with no appropriate response – Local/State Police (depending on jurisdiction) will be sent to investigate
 - EBA Activation with distress response – County wide all-call for police to assist

Counterterrorism – No Report

Eastern PA EMS Council – Bill Lillington

- EMS Conference Sign up has commenced
- LMS is “Screwed up” up for the BLS Protocol update, state officials are working to fix problems
- ALS Protocol Update is expected in June 2015
- All new protocols from BLS protocol update must be signed off by agency medical director to utilize. EMS council does not need to be updated that protocols are being used, this sign-off is to be saved internally.

Reading Health System – Merv Wertz

- Dinner and Learn this month will be discussing Helicopter safety
- Next AEMT class to begin 1/16/16 and last to approximately 7/16/16 every Wednesday night
- EMT-B class has open spots available
- Paramedic Roster remains the same since last weekend
 - Merv will contact any agency that still has preceptor agreements outstanding

Saint Joseph Medical Center – Chris Chamberlain

- Thanks to all EMS providers that participated in the stretcher races held during EMS week, WEBMS was winner
- SJMC has revised policy in respect to CVA Alerts
 - “Stop in 6” has been changed and crews will proceed directly to CT
 - ER Staff is being reeducated in procedure
 - EMS will be invited via Facebook to attend reeducation classes

LVH Medevac – No Representative

Pennstar – No Representative

Old Matters

- Next Local Legislative Meeting of County Leaders will be September 18, 2015 at Strausstown Fire Company
- RHS Active shooter – Joel Merino was speaker, will be working with Jodi Heckman to begin intergration of EMS instruction
- MCI Run cards – Should be completed within a couple of months

Surgical institute – No Representative

New Business

- Buttonwood Street Bridge will be closing in July and will remain closed for approximately 2 years for repairs
- DES has received information of a scheduled bicycle race in September that will begin in the City of Reading, proceed west through the Heidelberg Townships, proceed North to Kutztown region and ultimately end somewhere within Earl Township. DES is working with their officials to determine EMS needs, road closures, etc.
- Relocation Requests by surrounding counties
 - Currently no ability by County systems to keep unit available while simultaneously being assigned to a relocation
 - County units that wish to remain available during a relocation request should indicate this directly to dispatcher upon response. Unit will be cleared immediately.
 - If called by neighboring county to respond, dispatcher simply needs to indicate the crew is busy within that county. Address and patient information does not need to be relayed.

Next meeting scheduled for July 7, 2015 at 10:00

Motion to Close – Matt Stairiker

Seconded – Merv Wertz