

## **BERKS COUNTY EMS WORKING GROUP AUGUST 2, 2016**

### **OGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED:**

- Bally Ambulance
- Bethel Ambulance
- Blandon Ambulance
- Berks County Department of Emergency Services
- Exeter Fire EMS
- Hamburg EMS
- Lower Alsace Ambulance
- Penn State Life Lion
- Reading Fire EMS
- Reading Health System
- Schuylkill Valley EMS
- Southern Berks EMS
- Penn State St. Joseph's Hospital
- Western Berks EMS

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.

There were no minutes from the previous meeting

**DES:** A question was raised concerning notification of a QRS agency if they are busy on a call, and a second call is received in their coverage area. DES policy is that the primary company receives a courtesy notification via they tones.

**REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE:** No report

**EMS COUNCIL:** No report

**READING HEALTH SYSTEM:** Dinner and Learn will be held on August 10th. The subject will be Disaster Triage, followed by EMSVO con ed.

There have been some issues with the modems for LifeNet transmissions. If any organization is having issues, you may call Ed Moreland for help in resolving the problems.

The 7th Avenue building project is nearing completion. There will be an open house for EMS on October 15th from 08:30 to 10:30. The open house will open to the public beginning at 11:00.

Laura Kane is the new chest pain coordinator.

Registration is open for the EMS class beginning January 1.

Applications are being accepted for the hybrid EMT class.

Registration for the Paramedic class is closed.

**PENN STATE ST. JOSEPH'S HOOSPITAL:** There have been a few issues with STEMI Alerts and catheter lab patients resulting in delayed activation of their in-house system. In some cases, a 12 lead was transmitted, but then there was insufficient or no notification to the ED. Please follow up any transmission with a medical command call to the ED so they receive the proper information to activate their system.

**PENNSTAR:** No report

**MEDEVAC:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:** By consensus, the group decided not to pursue a cooperative subscription drive.

A concern was raised regarding the administration of Narcan by law enforcement personnel and whether there was sufficient training. Also, since Narcan is being provided to law enforcement, can atomizers be provided to EMS for continued care.

It was pointed out the COCA is providing the Narcan, but does not provide atomizers.

As to the training of officers, on-line training is acceptable under their standing orders.

It was recommended that there should be a discussion about the concerns with Dr. Sibersky. Ed Moreland will contact Dr. Sibersky regarding the concerns that were discussed.

The Mission LifeLine recognition will be held on August 16th, 11:00, on R ground.

September 10, 11 & 12 will be the first PA Memorial Bike Ride from Shenksville to Harriburg. There will be a ceremony on the 12th on the steps of the Rotunda followed by a dinner.

There have been significant changes to the Lehigh County radio system. Any organization providing mutual aid in Lehigh County should be aware of the changes and take appropriate actions.

The District Attorney's Office was contacted to determine if there was a way to prosecute patients who keep insurance checks. The determination was that there is no adequate means to prosecute.

A motion was made by Ed Moreland, with a second by Bill Lillington to adjourn.