

Berks DES EMS Working Group

February 2, 2016 - Draft

General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Tim Moyer: 10:03

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Michael Groff, Stacy Schmale
Bethel	Anthony Martin
Blandon	
Boyertown	
Counter Terrorism	Tony Tucci
DES	Todd Boughter, Tony Flores, Jonathan Fritz, Brian Gottschall, Matt Stairiker, Christina Wood
Elverson	
EMS Council	Bill Lillington
Exeter Fire	Chris Chamberlain
Fleetwood	Jesse Zerbe
Hamburg	Bill Lillington
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman, Phil Salamone
Lower Alsace	Matt Stairiker, Merv Wertz
LVH Medevac	
Muhlenberg	Christian Murray, Wendy Shipe
Oley	
PennStar	
PennState - LifeLion	John Shook
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	Malcolm Cole, Mike Palamar
Topton Ambulance	
Western Berks	Ed Moreland, Tony Tucci

Prev. Minutes: Motion to Approve:

Seconded:

Motion Vote:

Motion Approved

TASC – Michael Reese

- Presentation and fliers for TASC Opiate Overdose Hotline

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- Stating no calls have been received from EMS agencies; Chris Chamberlain noted HIPAA privacy issues from EMS, SJMC is assisting in process in hospital setting

DES Report

- **Brian Gottschall**
 - EMS Agency Response Plan
 - Refusal to Sign
 - Bally EMS
 - No Opinion on signature
 - Boyertown
 - Fleetwood
 - Muhlenberg
 - Schuylkill Valley EMS
 - Western Berks EMS
 - AEMT – Discussion of specific radio designation of EMT/AEMT unit
 - Recommendation by Ed to pilot program with SBEMS and Fleetwood
 - Would require two separate designations for transporting and non-transporting unit
 - Transporting Units
 - ALS – “Medic”
 - ILS – “Intermediate”
 - BLS – “Ambulance”
 - Non-transporting Units
 - ALS – “Squad”
 - ILS – “Intermediate Squad”
 - Allergic Reaction EMD APCO Guide BLS
 - BLS Medical Question #1 – Itching/Hives Only – Questionable to ALS Medical
 - Motion Jesse Zerbe – Request DES to go to medical director for all allergic reactions to be dispatched for ALS regardless of symptoms
 - Seconded - Chris Murray
 - Bally - Yes
 - Bethel - No
 - Blandon - No
 - Exeter Fire – Yes
 - Fleetwood – Yes
 - Kutztown – Yes
 - Hamburg – Yes
 - Lower Alsace - No
 - Muhlenberg- Yes
 - Reading – No
 - Lifelion – Yes
 - Southern Berks – No
 - Western Berks – Yes

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Regional counterterrorism –Anthony Tucci

- Will be forwarding invitation for regional counterterrorism conference

Eastern PA EMS Council – Bill Lillington

- Email from Beureau EMSVO Credits are not listed for EMT's, council will refer back to bureau for correction

Reading Health System – Anthony Martin

- Confirmation from Jim Bitler if order went through for radio amplifier in ER is in progress
- Dinner and Learn – Awaiting Final Confirmation, 2-3 EMSVO Con-ed credits for class 2/10 18:00
- Request from nursing staff – Please direct family members to front entrance for clearance through security as long as they are not needed to patient care purposes
- Modems have been distributed to participating EMS agencies
 - Any complications should be directed to Bill Fox

Reading Health System School of Health Science – Merv Wertz

- September EMT class will now be a hybrid class, announcement is pending
- Summer EMT class is “filling up” but a few spots are still available
- PCR Records –
 - If using MedMedia/Webcurr – No action is required
 - If software program can fax – Fax to: 484-628-3984

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center – Chris Chamberlain

- EMS is encouraged to draw blood for CVA/Stroke patients in addition to STEMI patients
- Making request for “Brain Attack” as the official term for requesting prehospital stroke alert
- PCR Records
 - If using MedMedia/Webcurr – No action is required
 - If software program can fax – Fax to: 610-378-2096
- Active Shooter Exercise on 1/13
 - Notes
 - Very little effort for PD to cooperate with EMS/FD
 - Formal report is still forthcoming

PennStar - No Representative

LVH Medevac – No Representative

Old business

- Cooperative Fund Drive (County Wide)
 - Discussion tabled until Merv Wertz can procure Cumberland County plan

New business:

