

# Berks DES EMS Working Group

## October 4, 2016

### General Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** Tim Moyer: 10:03

**In Attendance:**

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	Anthony Martin
Blandon	
Boyertown	Ryan Billings
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Todd Boughter, Brian Gottschall, Tony Flores, Jonathan Fritz, Sean Hart
Elverson	
EMS Council	
Exeter Fire	Chris Chamberlain
Fleetwood	Jesse Zerbe
Hamburg	
Kutztown	Phil Salamone
Lower Alsace	Merv Wertz
LVH Medevac	
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Oley	
PennStar	
PennState - LifeLion	John Shook
PennState - Saint Joes	Chris Chamberlain
Reading Fire Department	
Reading Health System	Jim Bitler, Anthony Martin
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Schuylkill Valley	Tim Moyer
Southern Berks	Malcolm Cole, Dave Shaffer
Topton Ambulance	
Western Berks	Ed Moreland, Tony Tucci

**Prev. Minutes:** Motion to Approve:  
 Seconded:  
 Motion Vote:

Ed Moreland  
 Chris Murray  
 Motion Approved

**DES Report**

- **Brian Gottschall**

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- “Issues” discovered with the report requested from previous EMS Working Group Meeting. Christina Wood is actively working on resolving the issue
- Introduction of Sean Hart as Deputy to the Department of Emergency Services.
- Jesse Zerbe: Issues with Active 911 and City parsing although usage appears to now be functional. Parsing is currently picking up data from after the address. Per Jonathan Fritz: Fire Working Group is also reporting similar problems.

#### **Regional counterterrorism –Anthony Tucci**

- Cancellation of Conference scheduled for October 12, 2016

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

- From John Kloss (via email) Direct Pay legislation has been passed to allow EMS providers to collect from insurer rather than the patient. Information has been posted to List Serve.
  - Per Ed Moreland: Information has not been provided to what rate would be for reimbursement. AAP is currently working with the Commonwealth to get these rates published so that EMS providers can make an educated decision.
  - Brian Gottschall suggested forming a subcommittee with EMS Working Group to begin process of negotiation.
- From John Kloss (via email) EMSOF 2016-2017 is posted on PA Bulletin website. Further information posted under new business
- Brian Gottschall – Suggested drafting a letter thanking hospitals for shifting burden of Medcom usage fees from EMS providers to the hospital. Approval of letter tabled until next month.

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

- Paving has not been performed at RHS due to contractors “backing out” on their commitment to repave areas around Reading Hospital. Paving should be taking place with flaggers present on Wednesday October 5 and Thursday October 6. Email forthcoming
- Open House on October 15, from 08:00 to 10:00. Flyers distributed to committee members. Refreshments to be served.
- Dinner and Learn – Wednesday October 12, 18:00-20:00 “Reviving Responders Group” highlighting first responder suicide.

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

- AEMT Two more information sessions scheduled for this month
  - Students are currently finishing phase 1
- Will be sending requests for updated list of preceptors with each organization
- Evaluating AEMT Refresher class, TBA

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

- Preregistration – Enter patient name and DOB to ECG 12 Lead
  - May be given over the radio. If provided on ECG, advise staff that provider has performed this option.

