

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
June 7, 2016
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Tim Moyer: 10:02

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff, Stacy Schmale
Bethel	Anthony Martin
Blandon	
Boyertown	Ryan Billings
Counter Terrorism	Tony Tucci
DES	Todd Boughter, Tony Flores, Bryan Gottschall, Christina Wood
Elverson	
EMS Council	John Kloss
Exeter Fire	Chris Chamberlain
Fleetwood	
Hamburg	William Lillington
Kutztown	Phil Salamone
Lower Alsace	Matt Stairiker, Merv Wertz
LVH Medevac	
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Oley	
PennStar	
PennState - LifeLion	Scott Buchle, John Shook
PennState - Saint Joes	Chris Chamberlain
Reading Fire Department	Jim Conrad
Reading Health System	Jim Bitler, Anthony Martin
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Schuylkill Valley	Tim Moyer
Southern Berks	Mike Palamar
Topton Ambulance	
Western Berks	Ed Moreland, Tony Tucci

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

Motion by Ed Moreland
Seconded by Chris Murray
Motion Approved

DES Report

- **Brian Gottschall**

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- **Trip Sheet Program** – EMS cannot proceed further with new trip sheet program because DOH is not prepared to receive NEMSIS III data. New programs can be utilized with coding to reflect NEMSIS II data and still be accepted by the state.
- **Dispatch Timers** – From previous meeting, separate timers for Fire and EMS may be feasible. Awaiting opinion from Fire Working Group.
- **EMS Plan** – Agencies have not returned the updated EMS Plan
 - Fleetwood
 - Hamburg
 - Kutztown
 - Southern Berks
 - Western Berks
- **Logging Emergency Buttons** – Since May 11, 2016 there have been 28 EBA on system (Discipline wide). 3 were from EMS, with which only 1 EMS-activation was not handled properly. Modifications are being discussed with the Police working group with making any form of the word “accident” as included in the policy and not trigger a duress activation.
 - **Motion** Ed Moreland – Evaluate Times from Dispatch to Response to determine if a problem exists
 - **No second to motion**
- **MEDCOM UHF** – Issue still exists that UHF radios are unable to reach Berks County hospitals, providers should utilize 700 mghz system to contact Berks County hospitals.

Regional counterterrorism – Tony Tucci

- No Report

Eastern PA EMS Council – John Kloss

- Pocono EMS Conference now “Code EMS Conference” 10/12 – 10/14
 - Registration open June 1, 2016
- **12 Lead Transmission Program** – Working with number of hospitals outside Berks County, Council is currently awaiting for the final approval from LVH. Region will be paying data for (3) years for agencies that have not already been patched into program and cost of the modem. More news over the next few weeks for live date. EMSOF funding for this year has been focused to other counties to establish this program.
 - Discussion was made regarding Berks County seemingly getting no EMSOF funding for this cycle. Agenda item made for September 2016 to discuss county needs for 2017 EMSOF grants

Reading Health System – Anthony Martin

- **Dinner and Learn** – June 8, 2016 – Sponsored by Area on Aging, Autism for First Responder Training.
- Signal Amplifier has been installed in the hospital with testing throughout the entire hospital. No dead zones have been currently discovered. Any areas found should be reported to Jim.
- **Garden Party** – June 7 – June 8, 2016, congestion may be found around 6th Avenue Entrance

