

Berks DES EMS Working Group

September 6, 2016

General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Tim Moyer: 10:02

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
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, Josh Kulp
Exeter Fire	Chris Chamberlain
Fleetwood	
Hamburg	
Kutztown	Phil Salamone
Lower Alsace	Merv Wertz
LVH Medevac	
Muhlenberg	
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: Tony Tucci
 Seconded: Jim Conrad
 Motion Vote:

DES Report – Brian Gottschall

- **FirstNET Meeting** – Ideas on data? No comments from group

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Regional counterterrorism – Tony Tucci

- No Report

Eastern PA EMS Council – John Kloss

- Tuesday October 11, Pocono Manor with TECC will be presenting an active shooter training program as a part of the Code EMS Conference. Interested entities should contact EMS Council for reservations, few openings are left available.
- 12 week program is running at Lehigh Valley Health Network, Council has been working with local agencies and has deployed 74 total modems within the region.
- The Commonwealth's planned consolidation of EMS councils are beginning to take place within the state. Consolidation is starting largely in the western part of the state; EMS Council has begun to craft agreements with both the Northern Region and Philadelphia.
- Medcom board has addressed provider fees for Medcom usage, there are talks on removing/reducing the fee to EMS with hospitals paying for current Medcom fees. Answers may forthcoming before end of calendar year.
- NEMSIS 3.0 – Current institution of 3.0 is “not on target,” for the beginning of next year. Current implementation is around Q4 of 2017.

Reading Health System – Anthony Martin

- Dinner and Learn – 9/14 – Topic of Discussion: Congestive Heart Failure; Dr. Jared Green will be presenting.
- New ER has just passed Life Safety certifications and hard hats are now no longer required. Tours can be arranged with interested agencies by contacting Anthony Martin.
 - October 15: EMS Open House to New ER; Food and giveaways will be provided. Flyers are forthcoming to local EMS Agencies. Building will be designated as “T” Building.
 - Move to building begins October 17, ER and Trauma to move November 1.
 - September 30, evacuation drill, flyers forthcoming.
 - October 20, MCI Drill, flyers forthcoming.
- Atomizers should be appearing on EMS supply chart within the next two weeks
- Motion: Draft policy for STEMI alerts within county to be taken to hospitals for initiating policy: Motion by Merv to appoint Merv as drafter of policy.
 - Seconded by Phil Salamone
 - Motion approved by voice vote.

Reading Health System School of Health Science – Merv Wertz

- AEMT – Starts this January – Openings still exist for student placement.
- Paramedic Class – Still openings for next year's class
- If you have not signed a field internship agreement for this year, please contact Merv Wertz for verifications

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center – Chris Chamberlain

- SEPSIS Alerts – Draft policy in effect, currently hospital ‘tags’ the patient as a priority. Hospital is currently asking for Medical Commend contacts for the patient to discuss activation.

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PennStar - No Representative

LVH Medevac – No Representative

Old business

- Naloxone Discussion – No updates
- Ed Moreland
 - 9/10 Ceremony at State Capital – EMS Memorial Bike Race
 - 9/12 – EMS Award Ceremony
 - 9/13 - Ed encourages every EMS agency to attend, law makers will be present to discuss Medical Assistance reimbursement initiatives.

New business:

- Berks County Mental Health Law Enforcement Training on October 20 or November 16 at Alvernia University, McGlenn Conference Center. EMS has been invited to participate in sessions, CEU's will be provided. Registration is required by October 20 or November 16 (respectively for each session). Contact is mhdd@countyofberks.com
- Reading 120 Bike Race September 10, – See Anthony if interested in VIP access. Agencies that will have Reading 120 access within their primary coverage area should contact Brian Gottschall for information.
- Premise Notes: Ed Moreland is requesting semi-annual notes to be provided by DES for premise notes within their respective coverage area. DES will begin to implement criteria starting October 1, 2016.
- www.smart911.com – New System to implement 1st quarter 2017; Encouragement is made to review system as soon as possible.
- www.Techsoup.org – Non-profit agency that assists fellow non-profits with electronic solutions for business.

Next Meeting: **October 4, 2016, at 10:00**
Agenda Item: Discussion of EMSOF Funding
November meeting to be held in Classroom B

Motion to Close : Motion: Jim Conrad
 Seconded: Tony Tucci
 Meeting Closed