

**BERKS COUNTY EMS/MEDICAL WORKING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2011**

ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT:

SV EMS, RFD, Western Berks, Radio Advisory, SJMC, SIR, RCTTF, Kutztown, Boyertown, Council, Hamburg, Muhlenberg, Southern Berks, RHMC

Meeting called to order 10:00. Previous months minutes approved.

DES:

- Letter handed out from the Fire Service Working Group. EMS working groups is still supporting no changes to the dispatch times. DES management will be discussing a potential alternate solution to the issue.

RADIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

- Radio advisory is looking to change the organizations representing the fire service.
- Radio's were discussed and DES staff will be meeting with each Agency.

REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE:

- Each hospital received a Styker evacuation chair and 3 Paraslydes.
- A regional decontamination/mass fatality exercise is scheduled for June 15th.
- The 2-day AHLS Course was held at the Berks County Fire Training site, Berks County had many attendees.
- The November Conference will be held November 1-2. If anyone has a speaker or topic ideas, please contact Whalen, Bitler or Jim Conrad. A 2-day post conference "Medical preparedness and response to bombing" course is being considered.

EMS COUNCIL:

- Ev Binn's is looking for suggestions for the "Award of Excellent"
- Conference update, 50 sessions are scheduled. See Councils site for information
- LMS has the 2011 ALS/BLS protocols available.

READING HOSPITAL:

- The Hospital was given incorrect information; the paging filter has been ordered but has not been installed.
- MS 1 Training for Hospital 1st Receivers Friday April 8th and Thursday April 14th with PEMA Vendor TeraTech from Wilmington Delaware.

- TRHMC will be participating in the Reading Alloys Table Top exercise on April 30th.
- Free online training available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Management Institute at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS/IS907.asp> for an active shooter.
- MS 1 Drill Wednesday May 4th at ED
- Taskforce Exercise June 15th Medical Mayhem will be at our DOB garage around 1600 hours, if you would like to attend or participate contact Jim, Barb or Merv.
- Grand Rounds April 20th at 1900 hours at the Penn Star presenting is Fleetwood EMS. RSVP to Barb.
- You should be receiving a survey from the Trauma Team shortly. Evaluating the process.

The American Heart Association and The American Stroke Association

- April 29, 2011, 0700-1600 hours
- EMS Con Ed: 4 BLS / 8 ALS
- Free, food included
- Sign-up on line at ReadingHospital.org
-
- **EMS Dinner & Learn, 1800-2100 hours**
- April 6, Chemical Suicide, Dr. Neubert
- 57 people registered, 3 seats open....
-
- May 4, STROKE, meet our new Neuro IR doctor (Dr. Bernie Stallmeyer) and a patient in his early 40's with 2 pre-hospital Stroke.
-
-
- **EMS Week:** Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 1130-1830 hours
- Tricycle Races, Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 1400 hours.
-
- **Paramedic School**, some openings left for the 2011-12 class. Additional TEAS tests will be announced shortly, prospective students should call the school at 610-741-0100.
-
- **ALS/BLS Microwave** – all parts back from Israel and upgrades for permanent stabilization are completed.
-
- **Power Plant** has started full power this summer. Additional Security Cameras facing the Ambulance parking lot have been added to the CoGen power plant building.
-
- **Omnicell:** Update to meet the new drugs on the list. If any service is going to add a new drug that is in addition to what we used in the past, please notify me. I have been working with our Pharmacy since the protocols were released in early March. The difficult part will be fitting them into the Omnicell, so maybe ASA will be removed, etc...

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL:

- EMS Week Plans
 - Monday – EMS Specials at the Peanut Bar
 - Tuesday – Triage Tuesday (both hospitals)
 - Wednesday- Providing refreshments for the EMS Bike Ride
 - Thursday – Picnic from 1100-1830
 - Contest, prizes, Hershey ground unit and life lion will be on display: Hershey will be presenting an EMS Award; Mid Atlantic MedEvac will be on site.
- Stroke and Chest Pains Center Coordinator positions are open.
- 2 employees attended the advanced courses in Anniston
- Evacuation team training, “Fire down Below” Hospital fire with injuries and partial evacuation exercise schedule for May 24th.
- Reading Surgery Center has enhanced their Emergency Management plan to allow St Joseph Medical Center surge minor trauma victims to the Center during moderate to large scale events. The Center is open during normal business hours but is willing to operate off hours in the event of an emergency. The nurses were training in basic EM operations, triage and their new EM plan. A successful exercise was completed on March 29, 2011
 - Reading Surgery Center surge capacity exercise included a push of 18 minor injured victims.

SURGICAL INSTITUTE OF READING:

- Annual review of the HVA has been completed without significant changes. Weather events are top on the HVA.
- Annual Spill training and a spill response drill occurred in March
- SIR participated in the ST Joes-Reading Surgery Center exercise; SIR was able to receive 20 injured victims.

LEHIGH VALLEY MEDEVAC

- No representative present

PENN STAR

- March Statistics for Berks County
 - Adult Trauma –Oley Fire/EMS, Fleetwood ALS – to TRHMC
- Landing Zone Classes / Public Relations Flights
 - As the weather warms up and spring nears, requests for LZ classes and PR flights start to pick up! PennSTAR4 offers LZ training for Fire, EMS and Police Agencies (con-ed approved). We also enjoy attending your fair, open house or community event. Please contact Eric Trubilla, EMT-P, Public Relations Coordinator, at eric.trubilla@uphs.upenn.edu or 610-378-4903 x 2 as soon as possible to schedule your event.

- If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding PennSTAR, please contact Chris Chamberlain RN, Base Site Manager.
 - Christopher.chamberlain@uphs.upenn.edu
 - 610-378-4903 ext. 2

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A thank you letter was sent to the County Commissioners for the support with the Radio Project.
- Representation of the QRS Services was discussed; Tim will be following up on.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride was discussed this event will be from Boston to Washington DC.
- The event will be held during EMS Week.
- Looking for assistance with the escort and rest stops.
- Contact Ed Moreland for more information.
- Will be working on a Proclamation from the County Commissions during EMS, more info to follow.

NEXT MEETING

- May 3, 2011 at Direct Link at 10:00

Meeting Adjourned: 11:13