

**BERKS COUNTY EMS/MEDICAL WORKING GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 6, 2011**

**ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT:**

DES, EMS Council, Western Berks, Kutztown, RHMC, Radio Advisory, Boyertown, Reading Fire, SV, Topton, Exeter, Bally, Lower Alsace

Meeting called to order 10:03.

**DES:**

- TV photo session December 19<sup>th</sup> at Boyertown

**RADIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

- Progress with fleet mapping
- Received 8 additional channels than we expected
- Still working on towers

**REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE:**

- Conference cancelled due to the flooding

**EMS COUNCIL:**

- Announced 2 new programs
  - Resource Road Show – Town hall type meetings
  - Gold Standard Recognition – going above and beyond
  - List serve has been updated; check with Council to make sure email is still on file.
  - Council office will be closed 12/23 – 12/26

**READING HOSPITAL:**

- Has been conducting training with West Reading Fire Department
- Participated in the Limerick drill
- Completed a needs assessment for the new system
- Thanks to all the EMS Services who were involved with the record patient volume on the Monday after Thanksgiving 11-28-11
- Effective today, TRHMC ED has an ED Waiting room “Greeter Nurse” position from 0900-2300 hours. The position is designed to expedite care for critical patients arriving POV. EMS patients delivered to the waiting room will give report and transfer car to the Greeter nurse.

- EMS Linen cart has been upgraded to a larger “standard” size, blanket levels have been increased.
- November 2011 over 200 12 lead transmissions.
- Chest Pain coordinator position not filled yet, please email Merv Wertz for any questions regarding patient outcomes.
- Classes
  - 12/7/11 EMS Dinner and Learn, Acute Stroke Management, SHS
  - 12/12/11 Preceptor Class, Gilbertsville
  - 12/21/11 Annual Skills Review, SHS
  - 01/2012 EMS Sunday class starting contact school 610-741-0100

**ST. JOSEPH’S HOSPITAL:**

- No representative present
- **SURGICAL INSTITUTE OF READING:**

- No representative present
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**LEHIGH VALLEY MEDEVAC**

- No representative present

**PENN STAR**

- No representative present

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Fleet mapping first draft submitted
- Hospital talk groups - possibility keeping patch open and units would call hospital directly.
- County has been divided into 2 zones, for future needs
- QRS will be working on the EMS channel
- Event channels for line of site

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Limerick drill went well, no issues at the County level, decon has to re-demonstrate
- Comm Center is being upgraded with new furniture.

**NEXT MEETING**

- January 10, 2012 at 10:00, we will start off with a reorganization

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:24**