

## Berks County EMS Working Group

March 1, 2011

In attendance: (Matt Stariker) DES, ( Bill Lillington) EMS Council, (Chris Chamberlain) Exter QRS, (Bill Lillington) Hamburg, (Jesse Zerbe) Fleetwood, (Matt Stariker) LA,(Chamberlain) Pennstar, (Roy Del Rosario) Western, (Jim Conrad) Reading Fire, (Barb Conrad) Reading Hospital, (Jim Conrad) RCTTF, Southern, (Pete Cunnius) Bally

1. opened at 1003
2. Minutes approved, Motion, Ed, Second Barb, Passed

Brian Gottshall

End user hardware support, proposal County will require that all radios be purchased by municipalities, not organizations.

Organizations should be responsible for reaching out the municipalities, County will match 20% , example, radio cost is \$2130, plus 877.30= 3011.96 total radio cost. Cost to municipalities, \$2409.57, plus \$200 credit (county thing),

County will finance the remaining, to the municipalities, at 7 years no interest.

End point, 20% county match, \$200 discount, 0% finance for 7 years.

Decision by the Commissioners on Thursday at budget meeting, will be announced once approved.

Motion in favor of support for County cost sharing proposal by Jim Conrad, second by Brad (Southern) all in favor

NEW ITEM

Change in dispatch timer. With now having a dispatcher dedicated to the dispatch channel, a sharp increase in the number of second dispatches and or cover dispatch.

Motion to leave second dispatch at current time, and adjust cover one minute longer. Discussion – is it a more work issue for dispatchers, or is it that we are truly noting that there is an issue getting out.

Motion dies due to lack of second

Motion to leave dispatch times alone by Cliff Chamberlain, Second by Jesse Zerbe

Motion carried with no nays noted

Mike RCC Consultants- From NJ to assist in grant writing for radio project. First step is to AFG for interoperability communications.

Current problem, federal budget has not been approved. Originally budgeted for 4 billion in AFG, but not sure what is happening. No regulations set for this years grant process.

Data collection for AFG is beginning.

Preparing online tool for data collection information for beginning the process. 80/20 grants.

Direct Bob Zerman to provide information to RCC

Todd Boughter is now the SENIOR WATCH OFFICER, will ultimately be on a 9-5 schedule

EMD will be moving to APCO from Power Phone. Much more flexible than powerphone. Dr Siegel will be the medical director.

Ed Moreland and Cliff Chamberlain are EMS reps

Will also assist in call triage.

Advanced Hazmat life Support looking for two more enrollees two day class

EMS Council- EMSOF contracts due to John Kloss by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Advise him if you are having issues getting supporting documentation.

Conference- RHMC sponsoring Bob Page class, Thursday and Friday (freebie), commitments from 40 speakers. Working on schedule, etc, getting ahead of the game. Hotel undergoing complete renovation.

RHMC – Jim Bitler, filters installed on for the Radio issue in the ED area.

EMS survey on the Trauma team and their performance. Wish to measure how they are doing and changing their processes to improve care

MERV (not here) – CARES project delayed due to NEMESIS changes. Send in agreements. Dinner and Learn this Wednesday

PENNSTAR – PS4 is single pt aircraft. Request second aircraft if you even think you have a second pt.

OLD Business None

New Business- Peter Cunnius introduction

Letter to Commissioners in support/thanks

Motion to adjourn---Ed, second by cliff

Next meeting april 5<sup>th</sup> 1000 horus