

**BERKS COUNTY EMS/MEDICAL WORKING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2011**

ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT:

RHMC, SJM, SIR, RCTTF, SV EMS, Penn Star, RFD, Boyertown, Topton, Council, DES, Western Berks, LA, Southern, Exeter QRS

Meeting called to order 10:02. Previous months minutes approved.

DES:

- Brian encourages the organizations to take advantage of the Radio needs assessment. To schedule contact Brian direct at 610-374-4800 ext 8202

RADIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

- No representative

REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE:

- No activity since May
- H/M participated in “Concern in Luzern” table top.
- Knowledge Center?

EMS COUNCIL:

- In progress rules and regulations are on the Councils website.
- BLS/ALS Protocols are available on LMS. Medic must take both.
- List serve will be distributing a calendar of events for EMS Week.
- New Licensure Equipment needs:
 - Commercial Tourniquet
 - 3” Ace bandage
- A suggestion was made for the BLS Protocols coming up with some type of test.

READING HOSPITAL:

- Paging filters still not installed.
- MS1 Drill Wednesday at 0800
- Dinner and Learn is a “CVA” case review.
- C.A.R.E.S. Update
- Confirming update of EMStat/EMS data mapping input HL7 changes by NEMSIS
- High performance V-Fib protocol – must be C.A.R.E.S. approved service, an application is needed – Council Status?
- Hospital’s CARES contracts being submitted

- Garden Party at Reading Museum June 7 & 8, with rain date on the 9th. Arrangements made with Berks Communications established “Garden Party” as a location lookup to facilitate accurate timely dispatch.
- Omnicell places providers inactive after 90 days of no use, please log in even in you do not need meds. An email to ALS EMS Leadership will be sent soon confirming ALS provider employment, compared to the Medical Command roster.
- Chest Pain Center report transmissions increased, April a record month, with Southern Berks at 82 transmissions.
- EMS Dinner & Learn, tomorrow night, May 4, 2011 Brain Attack, seats open, email registration. Case review of young patient Stroke survivor times two.
- Paramedic Program for 2011-12 has a few seats open. The last TEAS testing is being held on May 11, 2011; contact 610-741-0109.
- EMS Week Cook-out, Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 1130-1830 hours, with Tricycle Races start at 1400 hours, register your teams on-line.
- Preceptor Classes being held, May 26, 2011 at Limerick Fire Department and June 15, 2011 at Plymouth Meeting EMS; classes 0900-1300 hours. Attendance at a preceptor class is required for paramedic desiring to become a Preceptor.
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ST. JOSEPH’S HOSPITAL:

- **Triage Tuesday:** TRHMC and St Joes will be participating in Triage Tuesday (May 17, 2011). All squads are asked to complete a tag on each transport (ED) patients from 2400-2400. Extra tags will be available in both Emergency Departments.
- **Life Net:** 73 transmissions in April
Reading 17
Southern 15
Exeter and SVAA 9 each
- The Stroke Program has received the Gold Plus recognition from the American Heart Association. Hospitals follow treatment guidelines in certain key measures at least 85% of the time and have maintained this performance level for consecutive twelve month intervals. The Plus awards represent a current gold award and additional 75% compliance with module specific quality measures for at least 12 consecutive months.
- The hospital has placed the new SIM MAN into service. He is available for in-house EMS education. Please contact Michael for private organizations use or EMS Training ideas.
- New Slushy machine with new flavors should arrive shortly
- Functional EP Exercise “Fire Down Below” May 24th
- EP is working with Pottstown and Exelon to improve preparedness of radiological events, Joint training and exercises, Evacuation MOU.
- 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.

SURGICAL INSTITUTE OF READING:

- Functional EP exercise scheduled for May 31st.

LEHIGH VALLEY MEDEVAC

- No representative present

PENN STAR

- **Berks County Stats for April 2011:**
- **Scene Calls**
- 1 Adult Trauma – Fall Victim on Appalachian Trail – Bethel EMS / First Aid Safety Patrol – to TRHMC
- 1 Adult Burn / Multiple Trauma – Structure Fire – Western Berks EMS – to LVHCC
- 1 Adult Facial Burns – flash fire – Muhlenberg EMS – to LVHCC
- 5 Stand-downs / Cancelations
- 1 turn down for weather
- 1 missed due to other flight in progress– given to next closest aircraft (LVH MedEvac)
- **Early standby's save time!!**
- Request a standby as soon as your dispatch information indicates a helicopter may be needed at your scene. Do not wait until you arrive on location! Upon arrival at your patient, make your fly/no-fly decision as soon as possible. Help us help you get your patient to the receiving facility faster by managing inherent delays and using time wisely! Minutes matter!
- **Con-Ed**
- Thank you to everyone who attended the TRHMC Pre-Hospital Grand Rounds session on April 20th at PennSTAR 4's base. We had a good turnout and some great discussion.
- **Contact**
- If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback for the PennSTAR Flight Program, please contact Chris Chamberlain RN, PennSTAR 4 Base Site Manager, at Christopher.chamberlain@uphs.upenn.edu or 610-378-4903 x 2.
- PennSTAR 4 public relations requests should be directed to Eric Trubilla EMT-P, PR Coordinator, at eric.trubilla@uphs.upenn.edu or 610-378-4903 x 2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- No update on Bike Race – Packet was sent out
- QRS Services attending Meetings – No progress
- No update of Proclamation from the Commissioners – Ed Moreland working on

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

NEXT MEETING

- June 7, 2011 at Direct Link at 10:00

Meeting Adjourned: 10:57