

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

ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT:

DES, RHMC, RFD, Boyertown, Council, Kutztown, Western, SV, SJMC, SIR, RCTTF, Exeter, Hamburg, Radio Advisory, Topton

Meeting called to order 10:00.

DES:

- Tony provided an update in the grants for mobile radios.
- Reminder from Brian, need to setup a meeting to complete radio needs assessment.

RADIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

- DES will be hosting a demo of the new portables. More information to follow.
- Working on setting up talk groups
- It was mentioned about the possibility of changing to municipal numbers.

REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE:

- Berks and Schuylkill Hospitals completed "Medical Mayhem" exercise on June 15.
- The November Conference will be held November 1-2, location to be determined.

EMS COUNCIL:

- Conference coming up.
- STRIKE Team deployed to South Jersey, 1 from Berks
- Triage Tag not a lot of participation, look at ¼ instead of monthly
 - Looking into the possibility of sending a text as a reminder, and sending it out on list serve.
- Annual Meeting 09/14/11 Holiday in Fogelsville.
- List serve was revamped, make sure to check you spam, 3 attempts it will delete your email address.
- RACC no longer doing EMS Training. RHMC working on an EMT class, possible running more. November 1st class.

READING HOSPITAL:

- Medical Mayhem drill went well. Identified issues in an after action review.
- EOP activated for earth quake and IRENE, lost power at PAR issue identified.

- Designing a surgical tower, expanding trauma services.
- September 15, 22 and October 6 Hazmat Training
- Next month is Pre Hospital Grand Rounds
 - Looking a possible doing 6 instead of 4
- Bob Page, October 20-21 Thursday/Friday
- EMT ALS Assist class Thanksgiving Weekend 11/26-11/27
- Preceptor Class Friday September 16. 0900-1300@SHS
- EMT Class to be announced soon.
- Supplies have been added to the EMS room, should be no need to go in the back hallway. Doors have been locked if you need something see the nurse facilitator.
- Linen loss is costing 15K a week.
 - Covered in agreement signed in 1999 by the region hospitals and EMS services.
 - Looking for suggestions to reduce the loss
 - Not for station use, ect, for patient/ambulance/stretchers usage
- Chest Pain Center
 - 204 Transmissions
 - 16 STEMI
 - DTB 53 minutes
 - 75% EMS discovery and Transport

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL:

- St Joseph Medical Center will be conducting a drive thru "Emergency Responder" flu vaccine clinic September 29-30. Flyers were distributed.
- IV Start Kits have been added to the pyxis
- **Life Net:** DTB 45.25
- We would like to invite EMS providers to our Monthly STEMI meetings. If interested please contact Mike Whalen. We continue to offer Cath Lab observations. We are also looking for an EMS professional to help with a 1 hour STEMI Lecture, again if interested contact Mike Whalen.
- Since our last working group meeting the HERT at the invitation of SVAA was involved in the WWII Weekend, the Greater Reading Fair and we also provided support to the 132 K-9 units that were on location for Kyle Pagerly services.
- We will also be attending the Honorfest at the First Energy Stadium September 10, 2011.
- St Joes participated in the Medical Mayhem exercise; The AAR from Cocciardi indicated that our hospital had 2 "best practices"
- June 11, 2011; The hospital experienced a complete electrical failure for 44 minutes. A complete IT failure occurred 20 minutes into the event. We would like to thank DES. Especially Director Gottschall for assisting in the response.

We would like to thank all EMS agencies that “ramped up”, called in additional resources or reported for assistance.

- We will be conducting our first Active Shooter exercise later this month.
- **SURGICAL INSTITUTE OF READING:**
- The hospital recently successfully completed a Joint Commission Survey
- The hospital experienced a 14 hour power loss during hurricane IRENE. A command structure was established and the event was well managed. The generator operated successfully and there was no need to evacuate patient. No other damaged was reported. The Surgical Institute of Reading would like to thank Berks DES, especially Donnie Swope for the support.

LEHIGH VALLEY MEDEVAC

- No representative present

PENN STAR

- No representative present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- September 24, 2011 Reading Airport Drill
- Reminder for drill or event, keep in mind the Councils Silver Bullet

NEXT MEETING

- October 4, 2011 10:00am at DES

Meeting Adjourned: 10:57