

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
February 2, 2021  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:03

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Michael Groff
Bethel	Jeff Ringler
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf, Brian Benoit
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	
Ephrata Hospital	Bryan Nagle
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	
Muhlenberg	Jody Heckman
Newmanstown	Matt Sonnen
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh, Duane Siberski
Reading Fire Department	Mike Sninsky, Jeremy Searfoss, Kirk Litzenberger
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko, Brian Wilson
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Tom Stauffer, Fred Wurster
Western Berks	Carrie Frey

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#### **Previous Minutes**

There was no motion to approve minutes.

#### **DES Account**

- Changes coming with QRS and run cards
  - Hold off on medical facilities?
  - Run card updates/changes
  - Location specific run cards
  - QRS class 4/5??? Managed by the run card
- Effective date is June 1, 2021
- Any questions or concerns reach out to Christina Wood
- See attached documents pertaining to the run card changes
  
- Fire run card changes
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm response
    - MVA unknown
    - MVA with injuries
      - Trains
      - Vehicles rolled over
    - Additional information may be more serious and need or require fire services
  - Response need to be updated by June 1, 2021 by the Fire run cards

#### **Task Force/Healthcare Coalition**

- Not present

#### **Eastern PA EMS Council**

- Not present

#### **Eastern PA MedCom**

- Not present

#### **Tower Health System**

- Emily Branch
  - Looking for EMS professionals strutting their stuff
  - Last Saturday in February

#### **Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center**

- Testing site closed due to weather
- Reach out to Don if testing is needed during any type of bad weather
- On call list for vaccinations – Don calls around at the end of every night with extras.

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#### **Reading School of Health Sciences**

- Medic class is currently online
- Fatigue – people not complying with wearing PPE
  - Managers – please reach out to the other EMS managers if you see their peeps not complying
- Wednesday updates – Merv is willing to coordinate presenters
  - Different topics weekly
  - COVID related – new education

#### **Lehigh Valley Health Network**

- Not present

#### **St Luke's**

- Not present

#### **Hershey Medical Center**

- Not present

#### **Ephrata**

- Nothing to report

#### **Dr. Siberski**

- More vaccinated than tested positive
- Post COVID patients – seeing more of in the ED
- Dr Fauci – more strands coming out
- Long haulers – lasting 2-3 months
- GOAL – get everyone vaccinated

#### **Dr. Schiffer**

- Nothing present

#### **Dr. Wilson**

- New Variances out there of COVID
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Con Ed COVID update with Chief of Infectious Disease and Dr. Wilson
  - Will get flyer out
  - See St Luke's website/facebook page
- Will see about getting last month training online

#### **Dr. Stauffer**

- Nothing really new to add
- Tell your friends to get vaccinated
- Wear your PPE at all times

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**Old Business**

- Merv will not be providing a written policy for the Papr's
  - Follow your infectious control policy
  - Surgical mask underneath
  - General concepts of PPE and Bloodborne Pathogens

**New Business**

- PESCH Survey
  - Leadership – only 1 person needs to fill out
  - Every licensed 911 service should do a survey
    - List was being updated
  - National survey
  - Help link if your organization is not listed

**Next Meeting: March 2 2021 at 10:00**

**Motion to close**

No motion to close meeting