

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
February 7, 2023
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:00

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jeff Boyer
Cetronia	Eddie Boyle
DES	Mike Smith, Brian Gottschall, Jeff Weidner
Elverson	Matt Welch
Eastern PA EMS Council	
Ephrata Hospital, Good Sam and Well Span EMS	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
LGH	
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	Taylor Boyce, Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella, Craig Huntsinger
Oley	Mike Geisinger
PEHSC	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Duane Siberski, Bill Hafer
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	Gail Knauer
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Raf Henin
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Duane Siberski
2nd: Chelsie Ober
Motion Approved

DES Account

- New CAD system/Crew force
 - Testing within
 - Listing of routine hospitals transported too
 - Needs an option for other
 - Went over list – added a few more
- Text paging/notifications
 - Swift reach – Rave
 - Prior to June 2023
 - Changes to how we use the system
 - Active 911, First due (should not see it affected)
- Intermediate trucks
 - Not a priority at this time, but should look into the IALS dispatch process
- Radio updates
 - Extensive testing with Motorola
 - RM server upgraded to 29
 - More details to come
- Mental health diversions
 - Discussion ongoing

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Central Region
 - Tactical bags
 - 2 deployable BP, EKG monitoring kits
 - Plum Case
 - Mobile cellular backup

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Not present

Tower Health System

- Updated visitor policy
 - 1 per patient
 - 2 for under 18
 - Special circumstances for end of life
- Take backboard and reeves with you
 - May clean them in decon room if necessary
- 2/21 Trauma Con ed
- Weapons
 - Knife and loaded gun recently found on patients
 - Be vigilant

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- Have PD check patients (class 4), check patients' body
- Wheelchair Transports
 - Cell phone lot (like at airports)
 - Near 5th Ave
 - More to come

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- 2/16th 1900-2100 hours
 - Con Ed with Dr. Siberski
- Truck badges coming this week or next
- Collect individual badges – deactivated March 1st

Reading School of Health Sciences

- **EMT Courses**
 - Summer: May 30-August 1, Monday to Thursday 8 am to 2 pm
 - Fall: August 31-December 12, Tuesdays, Thursdays 6 pm to 10 pm, plus one Saturday per month 8 am to 2 pm
- **AEMT Course (new format with live lectures)**
 - Summer: June 21-December 9, Wednesdays 8 am to 3 pm
- **Paramedic Courses**
 - Reading Hospital: August-July, Monday-Thursday 8 am to 2 pm
 - Chestnut Hill Hospital: January to December, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6pm-10pm and select Saturdays
- For more information on any program or to apply, go to:
<https://reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/>
- **SHS Program Discovery Events**: February 15, April 15
- Updating preceptor list and clinical sites

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Mask in all facilities
- Con education coming up – see flyers attached
 - 2/15- LVAD: How They Work & How to Manage at Lehighton EMS
 - 2/16- Heart Failure: Where We Are in 2023 ***Attendees will receive a gift for attending*** **VIRTUAL**
 - 2/17- Geriatric Trauma Conference ***Free for EMS with code EMSGERI23 and can be viewed 30 days after the live for coned*** **VIRTUAL**
 - 2/21 OR 2/23- ECG Recognition of Acute Coronary Artery Occlusions at Cetronia EMS

St Luke's

- Education

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- Check out social media for classes

Hershey Medical Center

- Not present

Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

Well Span

- Not present

Dr. Schiffer

- Not present

Dr. Wilson

- Not present

Dr. Siberski

- COVID
 - Rehashing information
 - Less frequent
 - Push for bivalent strands
 - Pt's who had covid with increase troponin levels
 - New injury pattern
 - May 11th – covid will be over
 - What this means is the emergency blanket and everything related will be lifted
 - Mostly administrative and billing

Dr. Stauffer

- Not present

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- Nothing

Next Meeting: March 7, 2023, at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 10:36

Motion: Mike Richards

2nd: Chelsie Ober