

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
May 4, 2021
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:04

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	Jeff Ringler
Boyertown	Brian Benoit
Cetronia	Ed Boyle
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Brian Gottschall, Matt Stairiker
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	
Ephrata Hospital	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Jody Heckman, Chris Murray
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Anthony Martin, Fred Wurster
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Stephen Bobella
2nd: John Shook
Motion Approved

DES Account

- PPE is still available from Berks if needed
- Radio updates to cease due to a firmware update the problem is nationwide but only berks finding it. Motorola working on a firmware update fighting with them trying to get something from them. NO Data is being transmitted at this time due to this issue.
- Motorola APX next radio has now been approved for the system not sure why anyone would want it since the price point and subscription pricing.

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Not present

Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

Tower Health System

- EMS Backboard process is live
- EMS Week they have coned every day of the week
- Snacks in the EMS room all week

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- New Equipment stocking system 2 bin system if there is an empty bin please put it on top
- EMS week BBQ with no seating

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Registration for AEMT is full Paramedic still accepting students

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Vaccines available
- Please don't leave your extra supplies you do not like at the hospital
- EMS week activities

St Luke's

- Not present

Hershey Medical Center

- Not present

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Ephrata

- Not present

Dr. Schiffer

- Nothing to report

Dr. Wilson

- Not present

Dr. Siberski

- COVID still out there 100 million vaccinated
- Testing is still important
- Volumes coming up
- Decrease in covid cases except in Oregon

Dr. Stauffer

- Not present

Old Business

- Plain language discussion
- Group to get together
- Crew force still on going

New Business

- Calling Hospitals by name and unit from now on
- Vaccines for home delivery by ems providers DES looking into this

Next Meeting: June 1 2021 at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 1103 hours

Motion: Chris Murray

2nd: John Shook