

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

Call to Order: 10:05

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jim Boyer
Cetronia	
DES	Christina Wood, Matt Stairiker, Michael Smith, Phil Salamone, Brian Gottschall
Elverson	Matthew Welch
Eastern PA EMS Council	
Ephrata Hospital, Good Sam and Well Span EMS	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring, Patti Kreitzer
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	
LGH	
Lower Alsace	
LVH/LVH Medevac	
Muhlenberg	C. Murray, J. Heckman
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella
Oley	Mike Geisinger
PEHSC	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	
Penn State - Saint Joes	
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Rafael Henin, Cosgrove
Western Berks	Anthony Tucci

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#### **Previous Minutes**

Motion: Brad Cosgrove  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt Welch  
Motion Approved

**DES Account-** All should have received email re: crew force/field mobile from Christina Wood, get it back to her. Has explicit instructions/information.

**Task Force/Healthcare Coalition-** MCI kits ordered, 2 plum cases in area. Looking for additional training opportunities. Stair chair investigation- knock off version of Stryker.

**Eastern PA EMS Council-** Not present.

**Tower Health System-** Flyer coming from Chelsie regarding meal for first responders cooked by ED nurse

**Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center-** Not present

**Reading School of Health Sciences-** Not present

**Lehigh Valley Health Network-** Not present

**St Luke's-** Not present

**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 numbers dropping (he is on PEHSC MAC at this time)

**Dr. Stauffer-** Not present

#### **Old Business:**

#### **New Business:**

Unit identification- addressing issue of nomenclature IE medic, squad, intermediate, unit, Both from EMS unit and county using correct unit identifier. 692-1 sounds like 652-1 how can we create common terminology to avoid confusion. City units are doing something different then what county units are

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doing. Can we revisit better language and identifiers? Can the EMS working group come up with a solution and present to DES. DES will assist with staff to brainstorm.

GPS tracking on Radios- who has access to track locations? Policy and issues with system still in revision- Motorola being held responsible for delays in getting things moving.

Crew force question- is there a setting seeing all units in area or just your own agency? Users can only see their own units from their own agency. Christina finding out the answer.

Revisiting of private channels- can we have private channels for services to use internally since there are areas where there is no cell reception? EMS admin talk groups exist for use as needed.

**Next Meeting: December 5, 2023, at 10:00**

**Motion to close**

END: 1041

Motion: Richards

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cosgrove