

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
August 4, 2020  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:00

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Sean Hart, Mike Smith
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss, Larry Helwig, Rachel Melendez, Chris Confalone
Ephrata Hospital	
First Aid and Safety	Jay Freed
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Jody Heckman
Newmanstown	Tess
Northern Berks EMS	Steve Bobella, Craig Huntsinger
Oley	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh
Reading Fire Department	Walt Bauer
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Southern Berks	Tim Musser, Andrew Dittmann
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Dr. Stauffer, Dr. Schiffer
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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#### **Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve: Jeff Knopf  
Second by: Steven Bobella  
Motion Vote: Approve

#### **DES Account**

- Working on "Stabbing" dispatch protocol
  - Basic ideas
  - Working in progress
- Phone system upgrade
  - Still working bugs out

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

- Not present

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

- Project on Cephalozone
  - Letter from MD for agency to allow
  - Data capture
  - Only 4 from Berks have filled out applications
    - Can fill out app ahead of time while staff is working on training
- Code Conference
  - Virtual event
    - 45 education sessions scheduled
    - More invites and information to come
- The alternative pathway for PA certification remains in place.
  - Students will attend class and the training institutes will verify psychomotor skills. The student is marked complete in the PA Registry and upon successful completion of the cognitive exam they will receive a full 3 year PA certification and a "provisional" NREMT certification. The NREMT provisional certification will expire 12/31/2021.
  - If the student wishes to receive full NREMT certification they must complete a psychomotor exam in addition to the successful course completion and cognitive exam.

#### **Eastern PA MedCom**

- Not present

#### **Tower Health System**

- **8/27/2020 Ground Round education**
  - **0800-0900 hours**
  - **Flyer to come out**
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#### **Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center**

- COVID drive thru testing will be open through Flue season into next year
- Remind Staff that they are not a Trauma center
  - Think of patient injuries and mechanism

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

- Accepting applications for fall and spring RH EMT, and September CHH AEMT, and August 2021 RH Paramedic
- EMT and AEMT current classes in pre-hospital clinical, In-hospital Clinical Medics and AEMTs finishing up
- Future Preceptor class to be scheduled, covers EMI and Lancaster with Reading
- Future PHTLS, Hybrid on-line with Skills on-site for skills labs

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

- Detour Map (see attached)
  - Start Date – July 20, 2020
  - **BE CAREFUL IN CONSTRUCTION AREA**

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

- Online education coming out
- National Registry
  - Look for information
  - Still going to happen
- Make sure you are masking patient or have them hold a mask in front of their face

#### **Hershey Medical Center**

- Map was sent out of new route to ED.
- Watch for signs and be careful

#### **Ephrata**

- No business

#### **Old Business**

- Scholarships available for schooling
  - Western Berks
  - School of Health Science
  - Ambulance Association

#### **New Business**

- AFG PPE grant
  - N95 sizing
  - PPE

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**Next Meeting: September 1 2020 at 10:00**

**Motion to close**

Motion by: Richards

Seconded by: Salamone

Meeting closed at: 10:30