

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
October 5, 2021  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:02

**In Attendance:**

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Mike Smith, Christina Wood, Sean Hart
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss, Chris Confalone
Ephrata Hospital	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
LGH	Andrew Rennie
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Jody Heckman, Chris Murray
Myerstown	David Kirchner
Newmanstown	Matt Sonnen
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook, Eric Zaney
Penn State - Saint Joes	
Reading Fire Department	Kirk Litzenberger
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Kelly Motter, Dr. Schiffer
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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#### Previous Minutes

Motion: Jeff Knopf  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt Sonnen  
Motion Approved

#### DES Account

- Crewforce
  - Changes to be made on next update
  - Then off for testing
  - Working on a deployment plan

#### Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

#### Eastern PA EMS Council

- 2021 Protocols Released
  - TBI questions – hoping to release later today 10/5/2021
- Code Conference
  - Officially announcing Keynote Speakers
    - 2 Secret Service men will be speaking
- Vaccine clinics
  - Providing service with Allentown Health Bureau
  - Training on EPIC
    - Email John Kloss if you are interested in being trained
- ALS Providers
  - Certification now until 12/31/2021
  - Approx. 1300-1400 providers
  - Don't wait until last minute
- OSHA – ETS
  - Northampton was awarded a grant for training

#### Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

#### Tower Health System

- Trying best to handle volume
- Looking for processes to improve
- See separate email sent by Carrie about no beds in hallways
  - Any patient concerns should be addressed with facilitator
- Subcommittee from Council Board
  - Develop a council standart on Divert vs. Capacity Levels

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

- 130% capacity
- Covid numbers are high

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

- Students are out on the streets
- Medic shirts (maroon color) are backordered, so they all may be wearing different colors

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

- Flu shot clinics
  - Flyer was sent out via separate email

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

- 2022 National Registry refresher is open
  - Free to all providers
- Con Ed to be coming out
- Campuses – if you have any trouble at any of the campuses, please let Jeff aware.

#### **Hershey Medical Center**

- ER is at high capacity

#### **Lancaster General Hospital**

- Same issues like all the other hospitals
  - High volume
- PPL will be doing some utility pole replacement 10/6 and 10/7
  - At ED ramp
  - Flagger will direct ambulances where to go
  - May be a little delay

#### **Dr. Schiffer**

- Nothing to report

#### **Dr. Wilson**

- Not present

#### **Dr. Siberski**

- Not present

#### **Dr. Stauffer**

- Not present

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**Old Business**

- Nothing

**New Business**

- Nothing

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

**Motion to close**

END: 1032 hours

Motion: Matt Sonnen

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Murray