

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
October 6, 2020
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:02

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf, Brian Benoit
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Sean Hart, Mike Smith, Brian Gottschall
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss
Ephrata Hospital	Bryan Nagle
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	Chris Murray
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Steve Bobella
Oley	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh
Reading Fire Department	Walt Bauer, Kirk Litzenberger
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Southern Berks	Tim Musser
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion to approve: Jeff Knopf
Second by: Chris Murray
Motion Vote: Approve

DES Account

- Stabbing call type
 - Fire working group is good with changes
 - Anyone have anything they would like to add or change??? No one had anything
 - This is not a 100% fix all solution, may change based on information received from the call taker
 - Will be moving forward with the change since no one had anything.
- Radio testing
 - Has gone well with Motorola
 - GPS out of range currently double beeps at 30 secs. Will be changing to 2 minutes.
- PPE
 - Make sure everyone is using it appropriately
 - Are organizations conserving it??
 - Gloves – are difficult to get right now, DES does have a large order placed
 - Supremo SE – all sizes except XS
 - Able to restock for future
 - Gowns, N95, Face shields
- CDC and grossly contaminated.
 - Judgement call with management on how they want to handle
 - Change out after each shift??
 - After end of tour??
- Complacency with wearing masks
 - Make sure crew and patient all have a mask when entering a hospital
- Disinfecting wipes
 - Bucket of refill roll – dry wipes
 - Bucket of juice to add to the dry wipes
- Hand sanitizer
 - Large order was placed
 - 8 oz. dispense bottle
 - 1-gallon refill bottle
- Vaccination surgery – due by 10/9/2020
 - COVID
 - Who will take on if offered
 - Only have responses from 5 EMS agencies

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

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Eastern PA EMS Council

- Flu and COVID vaccine
 - Promoting should be engaged by EMT and Medics
 - For H1N1 over 10,000 people were vaccinated by EMS
- Code Conference 2020
 - October 14 & 15, 2020
 - Records will be archived
 - 50 sessions and Podcasts
- Berks County Cares Act
 - DUE 10/16/2020
 - Reach out to working groups
 - What you find important?
 - Use the funds for?
 - Take the time and review your records
 - All squads have to request for funds
- Alternate Care site – Glen Mills
 - Now closed

Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

Tower Health System

- EMS Labs – now live, restock in the EMS room
- When providing report over the radio, please remember to speak loud and clear as it is very hard to hear and understand when wearing a Drager or other type of mask.
- When giving Patient Care report – make sure it is to a Nurse and not a Resident as information is not getting relayed to the Nurses.

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- When providing report over the radio, please remember to speak loud and clear as it is very hard to hear and understand when wearing a Drager or other type of mask.
- Public Flu Shot
 - Wednesday this week
 - Wednesday next week 11/14/2020 and also 11/17/2020
 - EMS and family if needed will get first priority.

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Preceptor class coming – Online
 - Flyer coming out soon
 - November 6, 2020 1300-1800 hours
- EMT students
 - Hitting the streets soon
- Medic students
 - Out on the streets now in Phase I

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Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Masks, Masks, Masks
 - Hospital will replace if it is really gross
- Flu clinics – coming in November
 - 11/7/2020 – Dorney Park
 - 11/8/2020 – Iron Pigs stadium
 - EMS providers can see a charge RN at any of the facilities for the flu shot

St Luke's

- Make sure the crew and patient have a mask
- Rise in COVID + patients in Schuylkill County
- Decon supplies are available for the EMS crews at the hospitals.
- National Registry class
 - End of January
 - FREE
 - ACLS and PALS will be included in this class.

Hershey Medical Center

- Not present

Ephrata

- Good with PPE
- COVID + patients
 - Good Sam Lebanon is no longer coming out to greet the EMS crew. You will now be going into the hospital like normal. Any issues, let Brian know.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Next Meeting: November 3 2020 at 10:00

Motion to close

Motion by: Chris Murray

Seconded by: Brian Benoit

Meeting closed