

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
May 3, 2022  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:03

**In Attendance:**

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Michael Smith, Phil Salamone
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	
Ephrata Hospital	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	
LGH	
Lower Alsace	
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Jody Heckman, Chris Murray
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	Matt Sonnen
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsch, Dr. Siberski
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko, Dr. Wilson
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Benjamin Ross, Dr. Stauffer, Dr. Schiffer, Chelsie Ober
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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### General Meeting Minutes

#### Previous Minutes

Motion: Stephen Bobella  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jody Heckman  
Motion Approved

#### DES Account

- Radio updates
  - Agency will be responsible for upgrades
    - 4-6 radios need to get done from a particular agency
  - RMI is still working in alphabetical order
    - They are currently close to end – Western week of the 9th
- Best practice for EMS run cards
  - Will have more information at June meeting

#### Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- No updates.

#### Eastern PA EMS Council

- Code Conference
  - In full swing
  - Special guests from:
    - Department of Defense
    - Secret Service
    - Deputy Chief from FDNY
- PAMedic is Live!!!!

#### Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

#### Tower Health System

- PES will be renamed “J-Pod” soon
- Omnicell Transition to Pixys in the works
  - More to come with a go live date.
  - All current users are going to be ported over so usernames remain the same
  - Working on implementing an instant password reset process
- All suspected MI patients or those with significant cardiac Hx if possible, please relay patient name and DOB either during report or on EKG (must put demographics in before transmission)
- **EMS Con Ed-**
  - PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL
  - Please see Tower Health EMS Connection Facebook page for links (they were also sent to constant contacts email group)

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## **General Meeting Minutes**

- 5/5 at 10 am First Responder mental health training- virtual
- 5/5 at 17:00 The Mind and Music of George Gershwin- virtual and in person
- 5/19 at 17:00 Life After Injury- trauma survival- virtual and in person

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

- All suspected MI patients or those with significant cardiac Hx if possible, please relay patient name and DOB either during report or on EKG (must put demographics in before transmission)
- ESO – still no update when things will get fixed
- Badge process
  - No issues that are known
- EMS week
  - BBQ on the 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Education on the 20<sup>th</sup> – must register

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

- PPE
  - N95 for all patient contact
- Medic class
  - Registration closed for August start date
- EMT and AEMT
  - Closed for summer classes

### **Lehigh Valley Health Network**

- EMS Stroke Emerencies
  - May 19 1830-2100
  - Online via Webex
  - See attached flyer
- EMS Week events 2022
  - See flyer attached

### **St Luke's**

- EMS week
  - See Facebook
    - Some spaces still left
    - Must register

### **Hershey Medical Center**

- Not present

### **Lancaster General Hospital**

- Not present

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**Dr. Schiffer**

- Nothing to report

**Dr. Wilson**

- Does not like writing prescriptions for drug I did not catch name of (LOL)

**Dr. Siberski**

- Death rates
  - Not the unvaccinated
  - Older folks, immunocompromised
  - 400,000 – 25 deaths out of China
- Lowering age for vaccinations and booster
  - Moderna prepping
  - Booster has a 2-month longevity
- Covid surge
  - South – Summer
  - North – Winter
- MASK, MASK, MASK
  - Respiratory viruses hitting area

**Dr. Stauffer**

- Nothing to report

**Old Business**

- Nothing

**New Business**

- Nothing

**Next Meeting: June 7, 2022, at 10:00**

**Motion to close**

END: 10:19

Motion: Dr. Stauffer

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