

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
May 5, 2020
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:03

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Brian Gottschall, Christina Wood, Sean Hart, Todd Boughter
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss, Jason Smith
Ephrata Hospital	Bryan Nagle
First Aid and Safety	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring, Patti Kreitzer
Healthcare Coalition	Chris Chamberlain
Kutztown	
Lower Alsace	Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	Kyle Albrecht
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray, Jody Heckman
Newmanstown	Tess Blue
Northern Berks EMS	Steve Bobella, Craig Hunsicker
Oley	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh
Reading Fire Department	Kirk Litzenberger
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	
Southern Berks	Tim Musser
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Jim Bitler, Dr. Stauffer
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

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

DES Account

- Close to finalizing radio subscriber upgrade
- All EMS agencies radios are upgraded
 - Only a few handsets need upgraded
- Continue to stockpile PPE
 - Signing a 1 yr. lease at a warehouse for storage
 - Gown are still an issue on shortages

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Working with Nursing homes

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Northeast Taskforce – secured stockpile places
 - Northampton
 - Lackawanna or Luzerne
- HB2408
 - Cares At
 - Except from state and local tax
- SB 351 – continuation on HB 646
 - Assault on Healthcare Providers
 - To include aggravated assault, not just simple assault

Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

Tower Health System

- No Dinner and Learn this month
- Survey Monkey
 - Sent to all EMS managers to send out to staff for t-shirt sizing for EMS week.
 - This will be shared with St. Joe's

Dr. Stauffer

- Volume is slowly coming back in the ED
- Still seeing a fair number of sick people

151 call in county 5/4/2020

3 cardiac arrests dispatched
8 unconscious dispatched

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Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Nothing new

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Still progressing with the start of clinical – hope to have an answer this week
 - Prehospital
 - In hospital
- Student testing – working on a plan
 - Each student has their own plan
- June classes
 - EMT (60 applicants, only taking 24 first come first serve)
 - AEMT
- Preceptor class – will be done via ZOOM
 - Further details to follow

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Children's ER is back in it original spot

St Luke's

- Not present

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Next Meeting: June 2 2020 at 10:00

Motion to close

Motion by: Chris Murray

Seconded by: Kirk Litzenberger

Meeting closed at: 10:19