

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
August 3, 2021  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:00

**In Attendance:**

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	Jeff Ringler
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf
Cetronia	Ed Boyle
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Brian Gottschall, Mike Smith, Sean Hart
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss
Ephrata Hospital	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	
Muhlenberg	Jody Heckman, Chris Murray
Newmanstown	Matt Sonnen
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook, Chris Breneman
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh, Duane Siberski
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Anthony Martin, Kelly Motter
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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#### **Previous Minutes**

Was not present for start of meeting

#### **DES Account**

- Was not present for DES information

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

- Not present

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

- Was not present for EMS council information

#### **Eastern PA MedCom**

- Not present

#### **Tower Health System**

- Chelsie will be on vacation week of August 16<sup>th</sup> – contact Anthony Martin
- 16 and 18 angio shortage
- Remember to pick up dirty equipment out of room
- Chelsie would like to thank Don Hirsch for stepping up and coming over to Tower to help out with direction of EMS during a difficult call in the City of Reading

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

- Having same shortage of angios

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

- PPE requirements are still in effect for students
- New Medic class starting August 23
- Medics – currently class, have 2 left to finish testing

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

- Not present

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

- Masking is not going away in the hospital or healthcare anytime soon
- If you need anything – reach out to Jeff
- Dr. Wilson will be doing a COVID update Con Ed on 9/27/2021 at 1900 hours – this will be online

#### **Hershey Medical Center**

- Nothing to report

#### **Ephrata**

- Not present

#### **Dr. Schiffer**

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**Dr. Wilson**

- Not present

**Dr. Siberski**

- Delta more contagious
- More people are being vaccinated
- Probably will need a booster
  - Pfizer has started on one

**Dr. Stauffer**

- Not present

**Old Business**

- Pottstown Bariatric information – was addressed by Chiefs of organizations that have Bariatric capabilities.

**New Business**

**Next Meeting: September 7 2021 at 10:00**

**Motion to close**