

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
March 3, 2020
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:02

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	
Cetronia	Chris Peischl
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Brian Gottschall, Sean Hart, Todd Boughter, Christina Wood
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	Rachel Melendez
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	
Healthcare Coalition	Chris Chamberlain
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray, Jody Heckman
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	Marie Haas
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober
Western Berks	Carrie Frey

Previous Minutes

Motion to approve: Chris Murray

Second by: Shawn Silvoy

Motion Vote: approved

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DES Account

- **Radio Naughty List – still need the upgrade**
 - Attached is the list as requested. This list was current as of Tues AM (3/3/2020) and is a moving target as folks may have taken jobs between then and now.
 - Try and have your radios upgraded by end of March.
 - Any issues please see Brian

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- **Coronavirus**
 - Have had a presence at the DOH
 - State response
 - Proactive, not panicking yet
 - OSHA policies and company policies
 - Clean Shaven
 - N95 policies
 - Avoid excessive contact
 - Engineering only who actually need to be around patient
 - PPE – eye protection, N95, gown, gloves

Eastern PA EMS Council

- **Coronavirus 19**
 - Reminder to follow company infection control plan
 - DOH and Pema working closely together
 - Stockpile of PPE – not honoring requests as they may be premature
 - N95 – some lot #'s are still good even expired (Brand – Kimberly Clark)
 - Don't throw away the expired N95 mask. Better to have an expired than nothing.

Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

Tower Health System

- BLS radio still having issues
 - Use Medcom or ALS report to call hospital
- Dinner and Learn
 - See attachment
- Triage PT
 - Front of triage
 - Go out front – must still give report to a nurse
 - Don't just drop patient without someone knowing patient is there

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- ACLS and PALS – Muhlenberg Ambulance Station

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- March 15, 2020
- Still have a few openings
- Still working on badges for agencies
- Muhlenberg Urgent Care
 - Open house 1030-1230

Reading School of Health Sciences

- AEMT protocol update
 - Must be done in a class
 - 4 hours before July 1, 2020
 - Significant changes
- Refresher
 - Last Friday in April
 - 3 Friday in May
- EMT – ALS assist
 - Late summer
- Still accepting applications
 - AEMT
 - EMT

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Construction continues - Fish Hatchery main road entrance
- Facebook page for education opportunities
- Pixas/Door/Card access – see Shawn

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Coronavirus questions
 - Reach out to council, Brian or Chris Chamberlain
 - DES is not asking travel questions only the standard respiratory precaution questions.
 - Travel questions up to provider as part of their history taking
- 10-87 Taskforce
 - Free anonymous mental health care
 - Buy in from agencies (however have a lot of funding currently)
 - Hope to open up to everyone (fire, police, dispatchers)
 - Currently everyone get 1 free session
 - Anyone have any questions – feel free to reach out to Jodie Heckman, Carrie Frey or Chelsie Ober

Next Meeting: April 7 2020 at 10:00

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Motion to close

Motion by: Chris Murray

Seconded by: Phil Salamone

Meeting closed at: 1056 hours