

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
April 6, 2021
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:04

In Attendance:

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

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Jeff Knopf
2nd: Chris Murray
Motion Approved

DES Account

- Will be adding new call types to the run cards

Wires Down

- Utility wires down and visibly arcing
- Utility wires down and not visibly arcing
- Trees or tree branches on wires
- Low hanging wires
- Wires down on an unoccupied vehicle without fire
- *Wires down on an occupied vehicle will be classified as **RESCUE**.*

MVA No Injuries w/Fire

- Will include MVAHR No Injuries w/Fire

MVA Unknown Injuries Level 2

- a train is reported to be involved
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The new run card form has been put on hold until the new call types have been completed.

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Act 93 – Rural education
 - April 13th – education world

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Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

Tower Health System

- Please continue to mask patients from where ever they breathe from
- Take equipment with you at all possible
- Autism course will be coming out soon
- Effective May 1, 2021 – Do it yourself
 - You will now be cleaning your supplies on your own.
 - If equipment is left on the patient, you will need to come back for it and then clean it
 - There will be a utility room across from the old trauma bays with cleaning supplies to decon soiled equipment

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Mask, Mask, Mask patients
- April 20, 2021 drive thru COVID testing site will be closed permanently
- Contact Don Hirsch if you have a first responder that needs testing

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Enrollment open for next 2 week
 - EMT
 - AEMT
- Enrollment open
 - Medic
- No changes in PPE for students
- No National Registry class this year (EMS Prodigy).
- Tower Health Hospital stats (updated weekly)
 - 10% positivity rate
 - 63 patients with COVID
 - 5 ICU
 - 4 vents
 - 2 deaths
 - 15 discharged

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Mask, Mask, Mask patients
- Con Ed on the FB pages
- Vaccines – opening to the world next couple of days
- See Shawn Silvoy if you need equipment, cards, Pixus access, etc

St Luke's

- Wear your mask and mask patient. MASK!!!!
- Education coming up
- Let Jeff Yanochko know if you need supplies, equipment, etc

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Hershey Medical Center

- COVID numbers are going up
- Still here, be vigilant

Ephrata

- Not present

Dr. Schiffer

- Not present

Dr. Wilson

- Not present

Dr. Siberski

- Not present

Dr. Stauffer

- COVID numbers are going the wrong way
- Still having a surge
- Vaccines are also progressing
- Wear a mask, wash hands, social distance, get vaccines
- You can still get sick with vaccine, it just keeps you from dying or ending up in ICU

Old Business

- Plain language??
 - No formal discussion as of right now
 - Is on the list for discussion

New Business

- Nothing

Next Meeting: May 4 2021 at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 103 hours

Motion: Jeff Knopf

2nd: Chris Murray