

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
February 4, 2020  
General Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 10:00

**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	
Kutztown	
Lower Alsace	
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	Marie Haas, Dave Shirey
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook, Chris Brenaman
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	
Southern Berks	Tim Musser
Topton Ambulance	
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

**Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve: Chris Murray

Second by: Shawn Silvoy

Motion Vote: approved

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#### DES Account

- Vehicle accident unknown
  - Still in holding pattern with fire group on how they want to handle dispatch
- “T” with fire company
  - Will be right around the corner for EMS, so be ready with the radio upgrades
- Enhanced precaution reminder
  - Reached out to other 911 agencies to see how they are doing things.
- Don’t over utilize the fire departments on call outs.
  - Let’s keep them warm in their beds with their woobies.

#### Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

#### Eastern PA EMS Council

- List serve on enhanced precautions
  - See attached notice
- EMSVO
  - QRS only apparatus – contact April at council
  - Have had many active providers without EMSVO – have been updating certs as they come in.
- Tri-Annual inspections
  - Get with Jason

#### Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

#### Tower Health System

- Sepsis sheet – see attachment
- Calls into hospital
  - Don’t use cellphones
  - Use radio or medcom
- Dinner and Learn on February 12, 2020
  - EMSVO refresher
  - 3 hours
- Emergency Medicine Conference
  - February 26, 2020
    - 0700-1600
    - Thun/Janssen Auditorium
    - Registration required
      - <https://reading.towerhealth.org/cme>
- Triage
  - Volumes have been high
    - Try and put patient in wheelchair when applicable
    - Remember to give a nurse report, don’t just dump the patient

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- See ER facilitator for further discussion if you have an issue placing a patient in triage

### Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Sat 2/8 into Sun 2/9, we will have a Cerner Downtime for upgrade. This will start at 2100 and we are expected to be back up at 0500 on Sunday morning 2/9. During this time no face sheets will be available. Registration staff can provide a sticker that contains the patient's FIN number to put into your chart. I am told that the FIN# does not change when the patient is placed into Cerner and that should provide all information back to the chart. This is our first downtime with HDE in place so I will be monitoring how that works. There will also be a book in the EMS room for crews to fill out for a face sheet. The paper must be filled out in its entirety to receive a face sheet. I will be on hand from midnight until we are back up and face sheets are faxed. If there are any questions or issues feel free to contact Don Hirsch.
- March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ACLS and PALS
  - At Muhlenberg Ambulance – 14 spots available
  - Contact Don if interested

### Reading School of Health Sciences

- Accepting applications for:
  - EMT Summer Class of 2020 (starts June)
  - Advanced EMT Summer Class of 2020 (starts June)
  - Paramedic Class of 2020-2021 (starts August)
- Registration on EMS Registry for National Registry Refresher
  - Combined, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic
    - Register online:
      - <https://ems.health.state.pa.us/Registry/Logon.aspx>
    - Payment
      - <https://reading.towerhealth.org/SOHS/ems-refresher>
    - For more information, call 484-628-0230 or email [Mervin.Wertz@towerhealth.org](mailto:Mervin.Wertz@towerhealth.org)
  - Trauma Day includes PHTLS recertification available
- Future Classes, dates to be announced:
  - ADVANCED E.M.T. "bridge", Protocol and Scope of Practice 2020 update classes
  - EMT's Assisting with ALS, aka ALS Assist
  - Preceptor Education
  - EMS Instructor

### Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Construction continues
- Brain dissection – 2/6/2020 @ 1800 EMS Council
- Pixas/Door access – see Shawn

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**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Next Meeting: March 3 2020 at 10:00**

**Motion to close**

Motion by: Chris Murray

Seconded by: Chris Peischl

Meeting closed at: 1022 hours