

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
June 6, 2023
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:00

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jim Boyer
Cetronia	
DES	Mike Smith, Christina Wood, Brian Gottschall
Elverson	Matt Welch
Eastern PA EMS Council	
Ephrata Hospital, Good Sam and Well Span EMS	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
LGH	
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	Mike Geisinger
PEHSC	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook, Joel Hocking
Penn State - Saint Joes	Bill Hafer, Duane Siberski
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Adam Segal, Thomas Stauffer, Traci Deaner
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Matt Welch
2nd: Rodney Freeman
Motion Approved

DES Account

- Motorola
 - Open mic issue
 - Firmware upgrade
 - not current
 - need V30 updated.
- Crew Force
 - Approaching end of planning phase
 - With deploy to WBAA
 - Use is very minimal in other counties.
 - Policy will need to be put in place by agency
 - Go available via radio, not the app
 - Practice scenarios will be done with DES staff and WBEMS management
- COVID
 - Go back to respiratory precautions pre COVID
 - 1. Ems call type only (Medical calls)
 - 2. Prior to covid
 - Cough, cold symptoms in conjunction with fever
 - (+) response to both questions
 - Enhanced precautions indicated
 - *revisit again if covid ramps up*
- Swift reach and replacement
 - EMS need to do nothing
 - RAVE management – poor business model
 - Rave allowing to continue to use for CAD operations

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- JAVARE
 - WWII weekend
 - EMtrack – worked well
 - Classes coming out soon

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Aaron Rhone no longer in his position, moved to another department

Tower Health System

- EMS vs Attending physicians
 - Alternate centers of care
 - South Carolina hospital, Tower and Hershey Medical Center are working on the program
 - Treated in ED or urgent care center
 - Alternate destination

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- Hershey Medical Center – collect data for 1 year
- Tower – start this summer
 - IRB – almost through process
- PI with Hershey – see if Psych patients are in this pilot

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- WWII weekend was successful
 - 8 patients transported by EMS
 - 1 stroke patient had a very good outcome
 - Thank you to everyone for equipment, supplies, assistance
- EMS week shirts
 - Still available, contact Bill

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Not present

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Not present

St Luke's

- Not present

Hershey Medical Center

- Nothing to report

Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

Well Span

- Not present

Dr. Schiffer

- Not present

Dr. Wilson

- Not present

Dr. Siberski

- Covid antibodies found in blood drives donations
- Long term covid
 - CDC – fatigue, brain fog, cough – 4 weeks
- Canadians
 - Study that showed unvaccinated were unavoidable to be hospitalized (DUH)
- No increase in miscarriages with the vaccination or booster

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Dr. Stauffer

- 3rd class of Residents graduating
 - Thank you to EMS and Hospital staff

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- Nothing

Next Meeting: July 11, 2023, at 10:00 (due to 4th of July holiday)

Motion to close

END: 10:32

Motion: Mike Richards

2nd: Matt Welch