

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
December 7, 2021  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:02

**In Attendance:**

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	Jeff Ringler
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Sean Hart, Christina Wood, Michael Smith, Brian Gottschall
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
LGH	
Lower Alsace	Matt Stairiker, Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella, Craig Huntsinger
Oley	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook, Eric Zaney
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsch
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko, Dr. Wilson
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Anthony Martin, Brad Cosgrove, Kara Branca
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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#### Previous Minutes

Motion: Jeff Knopf  
2<sup>nd</sup>: John Shook  
Motion Approved

#### DES Account

- Crewforce
  - Work in progress
    - Unable to get a resolution to move forward with testing
    - Product is 100% on timeline
    - Unable to get a clear deadline from company
- Radio programming
  - Mostly affects PD radios
- Run card changes
  - If you have a significant change in deployment get with Christina ASAP
    - Ei: # of trucks at a station

#### Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- New bags purchased
  - Similar to active shooter kits
  - Will be distributed for Berks and Schuylkill county squads
  - Get list to Tony of how many bags/kits needed

#### Eastern PA EMS Council

- OSHA programs
  - December 14<sup>th</sup> begins in Person
    - 4 hrs dedicated to the employee
    - 4 hrs dedicated to the employer
  - Send 1 individual per agency
  - Virtual session will be coming soon
- Remind providers that are about to expire
  - 9,000 in region scheduled to expire
    - 554 in Eastern PA need to reregister
- Chris Confalone
  - Winter preparation classes being held
  - ER hospital wall times
    - Far northeast 1-2 hours
    - South central 3-4 hours
    - Looking for ideas or ways to improve other agencies and areas

#### Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

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#### **Tower Health System**

- Pharmacy will not be restocking Droperidol
- Family members – follow proper channels for security reasons
- January
  - Hyperbaric lecture
  - More details to come – no date yet
- DMIST
  - Trauma reports
  - Follow this system
  - Will have posters in Trauma bay, EMS room, and email was sent

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

- Pharmacy will be restocking Droperidol
- Shortage of medications
  - Don is aware
  - If you are not able to restock, fill out form from facilitator for Don to follow up with

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

- Nothing to report

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

- MASK, MASK, MASK
  - Everyone needs one to enter Hospital
- Let staff aware if something is needed for restocking or missing

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

- MASK, MASK, MASK
  - Ditto to LVHN
- Staff is working hard
- Apologize for the long wait times
- Booster shots available if needed

#### **Hershey Medical Center**

- Nothing to report

#### **Lancaster General Hospital**

- Nothing to report

#### **Dr. Schiffer**

- Nothing to report

#### **Dr. Wilson**

- Omicron data
  - Based on population case studies – ongoing
  - Has mutations

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- Not seeing as many vent or ICU patients
- Milder symptoms
- Changing every day, laboratory data
- (Delta+ wave spreading)

**Dr. Siberski**

- Not present

**Dr. Stauffer**

- Not present

**Old Business**

- Nothing

**New Business**

- None

**Next Meeting: January 4 2021 at 10:00**

**Motion to close**

END: 1020 hours

Motion: Jeff Knopf

2<sup>nd</sup>: John Shook