

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
January 7, 2020
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:01

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf
Cetronia	Michael LaPearl
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	Rodney Freeman
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy, Ken Reichenbach
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	Marie Haas, Linda Shirey, 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:

Second by:

Motion Vote:

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Guests:

Verizon Wireless

Jamal Frederick
Rob Pantucci

Public Safety and Priority Access

Want to be involved with Berks County

Please reach out to Rob or Jamal with system outages

Can assist with vehicle mobilization

Partner with Cradlepoint

See attached flier for more information

DES Account

- Updates have been getting done on DES side for Radios
- Individual organizations must to their part

- MVA unknown
 - No known issues

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

Eastern PA EMS Council

- EMSVO
 - EMT – 3 credits
 - Medic – 2 credits
- 42 providers that did not have EMSVO on their new certifications
 - Will send list to organizations of invalid certifications
- PA Train
 - PA-EMS Emergency Vehicle Operations – 1 credit
 - PA-EMS Emergency Driving – 1 Credit
- PA-TIM
 - Traffic Incident Management – 4 credits
- Terror threat heightened
 - Tensions are high
 - Be alert
 - Don't click on links you don't know
 - Don't leave trucks unattended

Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

Tower Health System

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- Dinner and Learn January 8, 2020
 - 1800 hours
 - School of Health Sciences
 - Pediatrics
- Dinner and Learn February 12, 2020
 - EMSVO
- Note from Jim Bitler
 - Planning annual Community Partners Emergency Management Steering Team Meeting for Reading Hospital – will be sending invitations out for February 13, 2020 at 1000 to 1130 hours.

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Working way through getting access badges
 - 1 guy working on them, slow process

Reading School of Health Sciences

- SAVE THE DATES: National Registry Refresher class, in April 24, May 1, 8, and 15, for EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic
 - See attached fliers
- Accepting AEMT applications for the June 2020 course, it will be Wednesday evenings.
- Accepting EMT applications for the summer weekday class
- Accepting Paramedic applications for the August class
- Waiting for PA AEMT update course to be released

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Construction continues
 - Scheduled to end December
 - Spring repaving of Fish Hatchery Rd
 - Will be bringing in EMS agencies for feedback on new EMS room
- New Paramedic program started with EMI
 - 26 students
- Pixas/Door access – see Shawn
- Comprehensive Stroke – Ken Reichenbach

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Group Health Insurance
 - If anyone is interested reach out to Phil Salamone
 - psalamone@laems555.org
 - 484-507-4175

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Next Meeting: February 4 2020 at 10:00

Motion to close

Motion by: Tim Musser

Seconded by: Mike Groff

Meeting closed at: 1042 hours