

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
December 6, 2022
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:04

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	Jeff Ringler
Boyertown	
Cetronia	Ed Boyle
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Mike Smith, Brian Gottschall, Christina Wood
Elverson	
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	Taylor Boyce
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella, Craig Huntsinger
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	
Penn State - Saint Joes	Duane Siberski, Bill Hafer
Reading Fire Department	Mike Sninsky
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Brad Cosgrove, Chelsie Ober, Dr. Stauffer, Raf Henin
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Brad Cosgrove
2nd: Bill Hafer
Motion Approved

DES Account

- New version of CAD
 - Hospital enhancement with crew force
 - Still testing
 - Web CAD
 - New platform
 - CAD upgrade – January 17, 2023
 - Working on user guides – more to come
- Death Announcements
 - Standardized form
 - Announcement of honors
 - Form will be on website (next couple months)
- Care Point
 - If you need recordings reach out to hospital liaisons
 - Phone calls
 - Identify who you are
 - Requesting command or report
- IALS
 - Dispatched no different than a BLS (currently)
 - Future for IALS
 - Change algorithm on call takers side
 - Councils thought process
 - May pilot in the Berks County Region
 - Lots of discussion about IALS
 - Staff prospective
 - MD prospective

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Not present

Tower Health System

- Care Point
 - When calling by phone make sure you identify yourself with truck and ask for command or report
- Thank you for your patience with the transition
- Transfer of care issues – let Chelsie aware
- Lag in Pixus system from registration

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Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Software updates next week – may affect phone lines

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Not present

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Mask in all facilities
- Upcoming education

St Luke's

- Education
 - National Registry Refresher
 - Check online for additional education

Hershey Medical Center

- Not present

Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

Well Span

Nothing to report

Dr. Schiffer

- Not present

Dr. Wilson

- Not present

Dr. Siberski

- Flu Season – high
 - Lots of respiratory
 - Vaccination is a good match for the strand
- COVID positive
 - 5 days isolation
 - 5 days mask
- Zinc – improve outcome
 - Decrease in ICU admissions and death at the 30-day mark
- RSV and Flu – out there
- Alternate destinations for flu and covid testing

Dr. Stauffer

- Nasty pneumonia with flu
 - Older generation – most
 - Some in younger generation

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- MASK UP!!!!

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- Special EMS Manager meeting – Friday, December 9 @ 0900 hours (email was sent out).
- IALS – discuss further at a later date

Next Meeting: January 3, 2023, at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 11:40

Motion: Thomas Stauffer

2nd: Brad Cosgrove