

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
January 3, 2023  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:00

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	
Cetronia	
DES	Mike Smith, Brian Gottschall, Christina Wood
Elverson	Matt Welch
Eastern PA EMS Council	Chris Confalone
Ephrata Hospital, Good Sam and Well Span EMS	Bryan Nagle
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, Jody Heckman
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella, Craig Huntsinger
Oley	Mike Geisinger
PEHSC	Tom Alsted
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Duane Siberski, Bill Hafer
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko, Brian Wilson
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Brad Cosgrove, Chelsie Ober, Dr. Schiffer, Raf Henin, Anthony Martin, Ben Ross
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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#### Previous Minutes

Motion: Brad Cosgrove  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen Bobella  
Motion Approved

#### DES Account

- Upgrade WebCAD
  - January 17<sup>th</sup>
  - WebCAD form
    - New logins and passwords
- Crewforce
  - Testing phase
  - Basic functionality
  - Technologic perspective – 2023
    - Pilot company – Western Berks Ambulance

#### Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- A form will be sent to join the EMS committee
  - Keep eye out in email

#### Eastern PA EMS Council

- Heated trailer was utilized December 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>
  - If anyone is interested in doing a training reach out to Chris – he is currently a 1 man band
    - 45 minutes needed for classroom time
    - About 1.5 hours to deploy trailer in a cold building

#### Tower Health System

- Con education
  - January 18, 2023
    - Hyperbaric and airway review
      - Pre-registration helpful for food count
- Triage area
  - Discuss any concerns with charge nurse if you feel like your patient needs needed attention
  - Increased volume issues – staff is doing their best to move patients and get them into beds (be patient)

#### Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Increased volume of patients
  - Triage area
    - Discuss any concerns with charge nurse
- Con education
  - January 23 & 24, 2023
    - RSVP to Bill, Monday before class January 16, 2023

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- Badges
  - Email Bill with individuals name and certification
    - Then send individual to badge office
      - Photo ID is required
  - If deactivation of badge is required, email Bill

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

- Not present

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

- Mask in all facilities

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

- Flu and COVID on the rise
  - Protect yourself and patient
- Education
  - National Registry Refresher – spots still available
  - Check online for additional education

#### **Hershey Medical Center**

- Not present

#### **Lancaster General Hospital**

- Not present

#### **Well Span**

- New EMS Director
  - LGH Penn, Dr. Brandan Mulcahy, DO, PHP, PA
    - Will have own squad to assist EMS
      - Advanced airway
      - amputation

#### **Dr. Schiffer**

- Everyone is feeling the high volumes
  - Pain is felt by everyone
- Be nice to hospital staff as they are feeling the same pain
- Patient expectations

#### **Dr. Wilson**

- Nothing new to report

#### **Dr. Siberski**

- Mask Patients and self
- Stop aerosol prior to entering ED
- State EMS Medical Director

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- Open to any command physician
- Letter of intent to Aaron Rhone [arhone@pa.gov](mailto:arhone@pa.gov) by January 9, 2023
- Unknown on how the process works when deciding whom will get the position

### Dr. Stauffer

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

### Old Business

- Nothing

### New Business

- Tower Direct
  - Rehab Bus
    - Comes out of Chester County
      - Get them rolling as soon as possible
  - Brad will provide a list of what all the Rehab bus is capable of doing and has on it.

**Next Meeting: February 7, 2023, at 10:00**

### Motion to close

END: 10:30

Motion: Mike Richards

2<sup>nd</sup>: Brad Cosgrove