

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
April 5, 2022
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:01

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jeff, Knopf
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Michael Smith
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss
Ephrata Hospital	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
LGH	
Lower Alsace	
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Jody Heckman
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook, Eric Zaney
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsch, Dr. Siberski
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko, Dr. Wilson
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Benjamin Ross, Kara Branca, Anthony Martin
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Jeff Knopf
2nd: John Shook
Motion Approved

DES Account

- Catching up with New EMS or EMS name changes
 - Will send out new list when completed
- Radio updates
 - Agency will be responsible for upgrades
 - 4-6 radios need to get done from a particular agency
 - RMI is still working in alphabetical order
- Best practice for EMS run cards
 - Only 1 person reached out to work on this
 - If interested email Christina at cwood@countyofberks.com

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Waiting on a list of equipment that is available.

Eastern PA EMS Council

- New Employee – Jon Henritzky
 - EMS Specialist - Licensure
 - Come with a Military and EMS background
- Code Conference
 - In full swing
 - Special guests from:
 - Department of Defense
 - Secret Service
 - Deputy Chief from FDNY
- PAMedic is Live!!!!

Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

Tower Health System

- Masking Policy still the same
- One way traffic flow in emergency department lot
- Con Ed
 - May 5th
 - Suicide in Youth (virtual or in person)
 - EMS week
 - Con Ed

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- 16th – Stroke
- 17th – Rebuilding life after injury

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Nothing to report

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Recent change in PPE
 - N95 all patient contact/care
 - No longer need mask for breathing

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Nothing crazy to report
- Con ed opportunities coming up

St Luke's

- Patient forward – Mask
- No mask within hospital

Hershey Medical Center

- Not present

Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

Dr. Schiffer

- Not present

Dr. Wilson

- 4th Vaccination – still looking at research
- Will provide more information coming up

Dr. Siberski

- Covid kind of dropping off
- Increase in the “Stomach Flu”
- Research is drying up
- Con Ed opportunity
 - www.ACOEP.org
 - Hang with the cool kids in Fort Lauderdale April 10-13
 - Or hang in October in Vegas
 - If you have further questions reach out to someone:
 - ACOEP liaison to NAEMSP, Dr. Shiffer, Dr. Siberski, Dr. Stauffer, ACEOP member

Dr. Stauffer

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Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- Benjamin Ross
 - Project Coordinator for Tower Direct

Next Meeting: May 3, 2022, at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 10:30

Motion: John Shook

2nd: Jeff Knopf