

Berks DES EMS Working Group
April 4, 2023
General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 10:02

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	
Cetronia	
DES	Brian Gottschall, Jeff Weidner, Mike Smith
Elverson	Matt Welch
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss, Chris Confalone
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	Matt Stairiker, Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Taylor Boyce
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray, Jody Heckman
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	Matthew Sonnen, Cory Showalter
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella
Oley	Mike Geisinger
PEHSC	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Bill Hafer
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko, Bryan Wilson
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Bert Schiffer, Stuart Dixon, Ben Ross
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Matthew Welch
2nd: Bill Hafer
Motion Approved

DES Account

- Call type change – Fire working group.
 - Child locked in vehicle.
 - From a rescue assignment to misc. fire
 - EMS currently not on, but EMS working group thinks it should be to avoid delay in care if needed.
 - Carbon Monoxide calls
 - Call type change renaming
 - From alarm to incident
 - No change on units dispatched.
- Mike Smith would like to extend appreciation to EMS agencies involved in the Palmer incident and who all helped by putting extra units in service.
- Updating MCI plan
 - Agency locations
 - Removing MedCom reference from plan
 - Updating phone numbers for the hospital emergency numbers
- Crewforce
 - Testing
 - Best practices
 - Next few weeks getting set up to test tablets
- Anyone using 3rd party vendors for dispatching with addresses for all on the list?

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Budget proposal coming for about \$50 million – keep watch out
- October 2023 – Code conference
 - Website
 - Social media
 - FDNY
 - Leadership Philadelphia Fire
 - 50 sessions

Tower Health System

- New digital billboard in EMS room on the TV
- Registration removed SS#
 - Providers need to try and obtain this information on their own
- If you are off duty coming into the ED for treatment
 - Still need to follow security procedures

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- Con Ed
 - April and May (flyers attached)

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Working on things for EMS week
- Care Point number 610-898-5961
 - Emergency notifications only 484-955-0809
 - Not to be used for normal radio reports to hospital

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Not present

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- EMS week plans are being worked on.
- Masks are still being worn in all patient areas
- Con Ed (see attached flyers)

St Luke's

- EMS week coming up
- Keep checking social media page for upcoming information
- No masks are required

Hershey Medical Center

- Spring Fling (see attached flyer)
 - May 20, 2023
 - Full Day of Con Ed
 - Geared towards Peds

Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

Well Span

- Not present

Dr. Schiffer

- Appreciate everyone working together during the Palmer incident
- Covid still there

Dr. Wilson

- Confinement after May will still be happening with COVID

Dr. Siberski

- Not present

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Dr. Stauffer

- Not present

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- Chris Confalone
 - Team effort to deploy assets
 - Stabler Arena
 - Registration info has been sent out
 - Not open to public, invite only
- Newmanstown EMS
 - Career staff will be on from 0800-1600 Mon-Fri
 - Staff is from Wellspan

Next Meeting: May 24, 2023, at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 10:37

Motion: Mike Richards

2nd: Chris Murray