

**Berks DES EMS Working Group**  
**May 7, 2024**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 09:59

**In Attendance:**

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Michael Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	
Cetronia	
DES	Brian Gottschall, Michael Smith, Christina Wood, Matt Stairiker, Phil Salamone
Elverson	Matthew Welch
Eastern PA EMS Council	Jason Smith
Ephrata Hospital, Good Sam and Well Span EMS	Joe Depatto
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
LGH	
Lower Alsace	Matt Stairiker, Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Taylor Hunt
Muhlenberg	Christian Murray
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	Matt Sonnen, Corey Showalter
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella
Oley	
PEHSC	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Bill Hafer, Duane Siberski
Reading Fire Department	Michael Sninsky
RHS School of Health Sciences	Gail Knauer
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Topton Ambulance	
TowerDIRECT	Brad Cosgrove
Tower-Reading	Chelsie Ober, Thomas Stauffer
Western Berks	Tony Tucci

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**Wyomissing Fire Dept LODD Cpt. Nestor-** moment of silence

**DES Report-** Crew force- needed all agencies to send an email to Christina re: use of it. Please send, only 1 replied. Repeated request for agencies to use unit designations properly, action will be taken if this does not cease.

**Task Force/Healthcare Coalition-** Not present

**Eastern PA EMS Council-** Nothing

**Tower Health System-** Nurses week, EMS week con ed posted

**Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center-** Nurses week celebration going on today in ambulance bay, please shut off your engine. BBQ on May 22nd

**Reading School of Health Sciences-** Virtual Preceptor class upcoming, will share info

**Lehigh Valley Health Network-** EMS week stuff posted, stroke event also posted

**St Luke's-** EMS week events posted

**Hershey Medical Center-** Not present

**Lancaster General Hospital-** Not present

**Wellspan-** EMS week activities, BBQ Ephrata 5/20

**Dr. Schiffer-** Not Present

**Dr. Wilson-** Not present

**Dr. Siberski-** Nothing exceptionally new, keeping an eye on bird flu in beef and raw milk. Anti-viral are effective in bird flu. Congo has new strain of monkey pox.

**Dr. Stauffer-** Nothing

**Old Business-** May 21 Movie event Please distribute/invite widely.

**New Business-**

**Next Meeting: June 4, at 10:00**