

REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

 Meeting Report

05 February 2015

 1000 Hours

 EHSF Conference Room

## ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Ann Weller Chair – Lancaster County PSAP

Jim Shenk Adams County PSAP

Gary Dressler Cumberland County PSAP

John Quirk Cumberland County PSAP

David (Tom) Vogelsong Cumberland County PSAP

Bart Shellenhamer Dauphin County PSAP

Mark Rothermel Dauphin County PSAP

Bryan Stevenson Franklin County PSAP

Timothy Baldwin Lancaster County PSAP

 Eric Fahler Lebanon County PSAP

Tom Bell Perry County PSAP

 Cindy Dietz York County PSAP

 Amy Smith York County PSAP

 Roxie Tate York County PSAP

**Staff:** Megan A. Hollinger Director of System Operations

 Michael J. Guerra Resource Coordinator

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## CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Weller called the Regional Communications Committee meeting to order at 1000 hours.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*EMD*

Mr. Powell reported the EMD course was hosted with no known issues. The committee offered no negative feedback.

*Infectious Disease Response*

The committee admitted screening questions were being used for the Ebola concern. However, it was learned that each PSAP has a variance in the questions asked. Mr. Powell reminded the committee what the questions needed to target.

*EMS Resource Utilization*

Mr. Powell reported on a recent meeting hosted at the EHSF regarding EMS resource utilization. While no solution was created, there were several points for each of the stakeholders to consider.

A quick background: PSAP’s are dispatching EMS units to non-patient events, in part because of risk, availability of units, and past history.

Mr. Bell inquired if there was a bariatric resource list established. Mr. Powell gave a brief history of this topic.

*Action Item: Poll the PSAP’s for the current lists and share among the eight PSAP’s.*

NEW BUSINESS

*SWATTING*

Mr. Baldwin spoke regarding some recent events of “Swatting” where “Gamers” would call in events to 911 against online competitors to obtain an edge.

*PennDOT Streaming Video*

A brief discussion occurred regarding streaming video from PennDOT, and how it might be utilized by the PSAP. The conversation evolved; this might be something the SCTF might be able to secure through the microwave system. The benefit being a reduced cost (of equipment) to the PSAP’s.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

*Legislation*

Mr. Baldwin stated there has been little movement in the 911 re-write. Members should be aware of the introduction of SB771, which is the Bill regarding Geo-spacing.

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*Hospital Status / Divert Policy*

Mr. Powell advised the Hospital Status/Divert policy meeting did not occur as planned. It will be rescheduled at a later date, most likely after the “Ebola Activity”.

*Narcan*

Mr. Powell advised the committee that legislation will be in effect shortly allowing the public, law enforcement and others to use Narcan for opiate overdoses. Mr. Powell further indicated there may be an increase in calls to the PSAP’s from Fire Departments requesting to be added to EMS calls because of this.

*Announcements*

Mr. Glass announced he will be retiring sometime in January 2015, and this would be his last meeting. All parties present thanked him for his time, dedication and service (which began in July 1974).

Lancaster County advised they were still working through the radio transition to the new system.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regional Communication Committee meeting is scheduled for 06 February 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Weller adjourned the meeting at 1120 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Powell

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator