

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2009

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Bill Wilkins
Ed Herrick
Martin Fuller
Rich Ellett
Kenan Mylander

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Oregon Fire – LS 8
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Whitehouse Fire – LS 9
Maumee Fire – LS 7
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center

STAFF

Dave Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Gary Orlow
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey

Medical Director
Emergency Services Director
EMS Manager
QA/QI
Communications Manager

ABSENT

Dan Desmond

Jodi Livecchi
Sherry Watson
Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Chief Charles Flack
Matt Homik
Mark Briggs

Toledo Fire – LS 1
Toledo Fire – LS 2
Toledo Fire – LS 3
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire – LS 5
Sylvania Twp. – LS 6
Springfield Twp. – LS 10
Nurse Manager – Flower ED
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Jerusalem Twp. Fire
Monclova Twp. Fire
Ottawa Hills

Call to Order

Chief McNutt called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from September 14, 2009 meeting were available for review. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

Training

Brent reported that September ACLS classes went very well overall. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding ACLS. ACLS was an 8 hour class.

For the month of October, the training is on the H1N1 vaccine. The training sessions are also being opened up to other entities. Both vaccines are available, the nasal spray and the injectable.

Old Business

Gary stated the Vehicle Committee has met. They are currently evaluating different vehicle options. Also pursuing alternative methods of financing, besides an outright purchase.

New Business

Marty asked Brent about the EPCR reports that haven't been downloaded and are not there. The reports don't seem to be there, but appear several days later. Bob Boyd is currently looking into this problem.

Bob was brought into the committee and he stated that the reports are there, but stuck in queue. Bob has a call into Zoll to discuss this problem.

Brent stated there is a software update, it will affect Web EPCR. Will begin to start implementing.

Brent stated that two Life Pak 15 demos are available and asked what departments would want to demo.

Discussion ensued regarding MDTs and mapping. Marty and Rich discussed problems with the mapping on the MDT. Eric Klavinger was brought into the meeting to discuss this problem. He stated that there is a problem with this and that the 2009 version update should alleviate this problem. The Life Squads currently have the 2006 version and all need to be updated with the 2009.

Dennis stated that if there are issues with the mapping, need to bring it to Brent's attention and he will relay it to Eric.

Updates will be scheduled to the system and will notify the departments when so they can provide feedback.

Discussion was held regarding STEMI alerts and lack of connectivity in two vehicles. Discussion ensued on efforts to correct this problem.

Open Discussion

Dr. Lindstrom stated that everyone should be up to date on the H1N1 flu. Rich is concerned that at the first couple of CEs, that paramedics did not receive the vaccine. Dr. Lindstrom stated that they are trying to make provisions for the departments to make a trip back to receive the vaccine.

The vaccine is also being offered to other first responders if they are interested.

The main concern regarding the vaccine is the paperwork. H1N1 has a quick immunity process – seven days. The seasonal flu has a longer immunity time.

The concern right now is that so far this year there are 100 times more deaths from seasonal flu than last year, which also includes the H1N1. CDC reported that there have been no adverse reactions yet to the seasonal vaccine or H1N1 vaccine.

Rich asked if there is a mass e-mail list which exists. Currently no list does exist. Dr. Lindstrom stated that they may do a radio alert regarding the H1N1 vaccine being available.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, **November 9th** at 9:00 a.m.