

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2010

PRESENT

EMS Chief Martin Fuller for Chief McNutt
Rich Ellett
Kenan Mylander
Dr. Neil Yoder
Chief Rick Helminski
Tim Treadaway
Greg May
Mark Briggs
Ken Kantura
Jim Fenn
Denise Abbott
Nicole Knight
Pat Lanahan
Matt Viertlbeck
Craig Koperski
Chad Premo

STAFF

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

ABSENT

Dan Desmond

Jeff Nissen

Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Chief Charles Flack
Matt Homik

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Maumee Fire – LS 7
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Springfield Fire
Toledo Fire – LS 3
Springfield Fire – LS 10
Ottawa Hills
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Flower Hospital
St. Charles Hospital EC
LS1 & St. Charles Trauma
Toledo Fire – LS 1
Toledo Fire – LS 1
Sylvania Twp Fire – LS 6
ProMedica

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

Toledo Fire – LS 2
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire – LS 5
Oregon Fire – LS 8
Whitehouse Fire – LS 9
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Jerusalem Twp. Fire
Monclova Twp. Fire

Call to Order

Chief Fuller called the meeting at 9:02 am.

Minute Approval

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

Training

Brent reported CE for January is on trauma and skills. There has been positive feedback. The EZ-IO will be introduced during February CE with the hope of implementation March 1st. We have already received the EZ-IOs. In discussion with Dr. Lindstrom, an optimal site for the EZ-IO will be the proximal humerus. March brings the PEPP course, which is 8 hours. The protocol disk is updated and being distributed. Brent reported he is gradually moving forward with the ResQGARD for the first responders. He will have videos and 55-60 Story Boards. There will be a trifold board in each station to review. We have instructional staff to help implement the protocol.

Dr. Lindstrom reported we have received support from the chiefs to do the Train the Trainer piece. The importance of this is to capture the information from the onset to get an accurate assessment of the case.

Old Business

Rig Update – Gary Orlow reported the specs are complete and we will go forward when the money is available. Billing to date has given us about \$500,000.. Gary mentioned we will purchase medium duty vehicles with the likelihood of the International for the chassis.

Dennis asked the committee to confirm that the specs are ok. There was no negative response on the proposed specs.

New Business

Red & Orange Bags – Craig Koperski reported Brent and Annex personnel are re-organizing the airway bags. A survey will be given in CE to get input on potential configuration of the bags.

Medications & 1st responders – Craig reported a lot of first responders are carrying drugs not on the inventory sheet. If a station wants to carry different or more medications, they should send a letter to the Annex.

Drug License – Dr. Lindstrom reported the drug licenses are signed and being delivered.

EMS goals – Gary Orlow reported on list of EMS’s goals for 2010.

Open Discussion

Brent reported the server software upgrade for Zoll is done. The upgrade portion for the tablets need to be completed. Brent cited there will be different levels of interaction when the tablets are upgraded. The tablets will get a Sprint card to allow for immediate sync of the report. There will be the transfer piece of the LifePak download. Brent reported there will be some “growing pains”. The upgrade of fixed vital signs has been done. The Inbox will be divided; any open calls can be retrieved from the server to complete the call on any computer. The report can also be edited on any computer. Brent said his concern will be the navigation around the new windows. There are new fields in the document piece and minor areas. Brent said he will address in CE.

Bob Boyd reported with the Sprint card, paramedics will be able to send the report to a fax machine at the hospital.

Ken Kantura asked about the use of the Drop Sheet. Brent reported there was mixed review on the use of the drop sheet in that there would be duplication of work. Ken mentioned Toledo Fire first responders use something like this where they start the report and then hand off the information to the paramedics and the duplicate is left at the hospital and one stays with the paramedic to complete the report.

Gary Orlow reported the Mercy system will be adopting a system changing the modality of linen retrieval at the Mercy hospitals. It will work somewhat like a Pixis. Those entities who exchange linen at the hospitals will receive a key fob.

Kenan explained the process and how they can control the use. Kenan reported the week of the 18th the machines will be installed.

Rich Ellett reported he was asked to bring up the concern with cold IV fluids and medications with trauma patients. Rich reported Maumee’s fire station there is inadequate heating in the bays and they bought ceramic heaters for the back of the rigs to keep the fluids warm.

Dr. Lindstrom reported this is also an issue when the paramedics are taking care of a trauma patient in the field. Fluids get cold by the time paramedics leave the rig and attend to a patient.

No decision was made.

Nicki Night reported the face sheets collected at the hospitals and being placed in the box in the locker are getting crammed and LS 1 has been taking them back to the station and not being collected. Craig reported the sheets are picked up at the big hospitals daily and this will be looked into.

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Gary Orlow announced his retirement.

Chief Fuller reported they are having some radio issues with giving report to the hospitals. He reported there is a lot of dead air with no confirmation that the information is received. Could this issue be brought to the ER managers.

Dr. Lindstrom suggested a check sheet at the hospitals so who answers the radio will know what to say. Brent reported Toledo Hospital has a training piece for their employees and will get their information.

Chief Fuller reported in looking over the meeting minutes from the last meeting regarding the paramedics who were coming, there is a drop off in attendance. Chief Fuller cited this is a good committee and a lot is done. He suggested people go back to their departments and see if the representatives that are suppose to attend, want to continue. Nicki Knight volunteered to represent LS 1.

Kenan distributed a flyer regarding EKG transmissions to St. Vincent. The flyer suggested the paramedics take a picture of the 12-lead EKG and send the picture to an e-mail address shown on the flyer. This would give the doctors at the EC the accuracy of the STEMI calls.

Dr. Lindstrom reported this is not in compliance with the Lucas County process and it is not on a secure line. There is no HIPPA requirement to do this and can't endorse it.

It was reported paramedics had training in this area. Brent reported this is a phone issue and LS1, 5 and 7 have a 25-40% failure rate in sending the EKGs by cell phone.

Dennis Cole reported we are working on how to get a format to send the information and the issue of what to purchase.

Dr. Yoder cited the cardiologists want a trained eye to look at the EKGs.

Brent reported he is going to do a LifePak evaluation of the LifePak 15's.

Kenan reported St. Vincent's department has door to balloon times of patients sent to the cath labs feedback posted on a board dedicated to times located between rooms 7 & 8.

Rich Ellett reported there is monthly CE held at St. Luke's which is held from 11:30 – 12:30 which includes a free lunch. It was reported Bay Park also has monthly CE sessions.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, **February 8th** at 9:00 a.m.