

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2010

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Rich Ellett
B. Fordyce
Chief Rick Helminski
Brian Dotson
Nicole Knight
Lt. Glenn Newman
Allison Armstrong
Tony Santiago

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Maumee Fire – LS 7
Springfield Fire – LS10/Monclova Fire
Springfield Fire
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Toledo Fire – LS 1
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Dave Lindstrom, M.D.
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Al Moenter
Jon Ziehr

Director – Emergency Services
Medical Director
QA/QI
Communications Manager
Annex Supervisor
LC CE

ABSENT

Jeff Nissen
Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Chief Charles Flack
Mark Briggs

Toledo Fire – LS2
Toledo Fire – LS 3
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire – LS 5
Oregon Fire – LS8
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Jerusalem Twp. Fire
Ottawa Hills

Call to Order

Chief McNutt called the meeting at 9:00 am.

Minute Approval

The minutes from June 14, 2010 meeting were available for review. With no corrections, Chief Helminski made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Brian Dotson. Minutes were approved as written.

Training

Brent reported CE comments for June were available for review. June's CE topic had the paramedics viewing a video to recap LVAD system. The introduction of the Sandhu collar and cardiac arrest scenarios. The paramedics were told they were going to evaluate the collar in July, but that did not happen because production of the product was held back, but the paramedics will be evaluating it when the product becomes available. September's CE will be on AMA's, refusals and when it is appropriate to contact med control. The paramedics will also be doing cardiac arrest scenarios in skill stations in teams and with a team leader. There have been three sessions to date with positive feedback. October will hold 12-lead review, pediatrics and OB'. There will be no CE in November and December.

Jon Ziehr reported U of M "is pumping" out 8-10 LVAD patients per month. U of M and Cleveland are the hospitals in this area that are implementing these devices, but the patients might not necessarily reside here.

Old Business

Rigs – Dennis Cole reported two (2) sets of four (4) are on order. The first set is due in November and the 2nd set mid February. We will order four (4) more next year. All the front line vehicles will be the same type of vehicle. The question was asked who will get what? Dennis replied they will be replaced based on the need of the system.

The question was raised about Sylvania's vehicle swaying problem. Dennis reported it is at the County Garage right now to be finished today. Al reported he was told by Boyd, the mechanic at the Garage, it rides a whole lot better.

Auto Pulse/Lucas – Brent reported we currently have two. LS6 has an Auto Pulse and staff has the other one. Brent reported these types of devices are the way to go for cardiac arrests. Brent reported there is a need to look at products for the wish list for next year.

Marty Fuller suggested syringe pumps for medications, i.e., the Baxter syringe pump where you can preprogram and it goes by body weight. A discussion of such ensued.

Zofran – Dr. Lindstrom suggested adding Zofran tablets for nausea and move away from Phenergan because Zofran has a better safety profile. Dr. Lindstrom said Dennis Cole reported at the Policy Board meeting EMS is on target for billing collection and with most of it going toward rigs next year, but there would be some available for other purchases.

Discussion of the Auto Pulse and Lucas scenarios and how well they worked.

Discussion of buying power cots and where they would be on the priority list. Paramedics in attendance thought it a must.

Dennis reported the priority of purchase in 2011 is for vehicles and defibrillators, a list of priorities need to be compiled for the next meeting. Dennis suggested those in attendance to return to their departments and ask their peers for suggestions.

Monitors – Brent reported there are a number of monitors being trialed right now, LP15, Phillips MRX and the Zoll E series. Brent mentioned there is a need to move towards making a suggestion of what equipment to use in the future. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding batteries, transition process, cost of one versus the other. Dennis Cole reported administration will look at pricing and back end costs and bring back the information to the next meeting.

New Business

Speed— Sheet™ - Jon Ziehr reported Stryker has manufactured the Speed Sheet at a cost of \$10.00. This sheet you place on the cot first and then add the cloth sheet on top of it. There are pull tabs on the corners that you grab onto and the paramedics pull it over like the patient is on a slide board. They can be reusable if they don't tear or not soiled.

Power Lift – Dennis Cole reported Stryker is in the process of developing a power lift.

Bariatric Cot – Jon Ziehr asked about the possibility of getting a Bariatric Cot to be at the Annex. It was cited the private ambulance companies have them and they have to be called upon for their use at times. Dennis mentioned will be explore the issue and bring back to a future meeting. Dennis also suggested at looking at the possibility of the new vehicles having bariatric capability.

Open Discussion

MedCorp – Rich Ellett reported on MedCorp's Medicare/Medicare violations by the State. Rich cited he was told they no longer stock extra medications. Rich asked if this was a violation of their agreement with the County. Dennis reported when Dispatch asks the ambulance company if they have an ALS unit available, is their only requirement and have to believe the ambulance has what is needed on the rig to perform ALS duties. Dennis also said we are watching the MedCorp issue closely because it could impact us.

Glen Newman reported there are times when Toledo will ask for a life squad and one is not available and a private ambulance is used in place of. Glen asked with billing income is there a need for additional life squads to be added to the system. Dennis reported this has been looked by the EMS Policy Board, but at the most it would be day vehicles. Right now the revenue is going to be used for equipment.

Chief Helminski mentioned with first responder capabilities and transporting ALS patients, this is also an option.

Hospital Lockers – Al Moenter reported the locks at the hospital lockers have been changed. Keys **can not** be copied and there is only one per life squad. If the key is lost, the cost to replace it is \$9.00.

Dennis Cole asked everyone to help keep the locker secure.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, **October 18th** at 9:00 a.m.

Lucas County EMS
Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation
Course: LVAD/introduction to the Sandhu Cerebral Collar
Instructor: Brent Parquette
Course Dates: June 1,2,3,8,9,15,16,22,23, 2010

COMMENTS

June 1, 2010

- Great Skill Station
- Great Hands On
- Would still like more interaction from instructors on a “teaching” skill station. This is a great format for an “evaluation” type station – fostered much more communication among team
- Working with own crews does help! Break out was awesome.
- Need to do skill stations like this. Great class.
- Excellent scenarios. I learned a great deal from tonite’s hands-on segment.
- Great CE! More hands on groups. Very helpful!
- Good skill station.
- Great Skills.

June 2, 2010

- Respiratory scenarios like this please.
- ePCR’s suck!
- Good review on arrest protocols!
- Good scenarios.
- Like to see more of this type of training in break out room.
- Nice.
- Instructors were great. Love this scenario!
- Good session.
- Very good practical exercise; some equipment failure which require some adoption.
- I missed Tom’s jokes & video clips. Team scenario was awesome.
- Different procedures in lab was nice change up & will be welcome mixed into different upcoming CE
- Good CE – Like this format.
- Liked new format on training in breakout rooms realistic setting – reinforced protocols – enjoyed class
- Good . Continue to do scenarios like today. Good job.
- Good class. I liked the classroom.
- Good CE teamwork
- Very informative. Would it ever be possible for Toledo Fire to go back to civilian attire and not have to wear our uniforms?
- Like the new break out
- Hands on station was excellent!

June 3 , 2010

- Would rather do one long scenario like today than multiple short ones that no one pays attention to.

- Different, but good.
- Enjoyed hands on, real time scenarios.
- Excellent skill station, a bit long but realistic & good.
- Liked the group session.
- More learning w/team approach by all involved not just team leader. Need more syringes (10cc) in box.
- Real time scenarios are a great idea. Smaller group sizes might be beneficial so everybody gets a chance to perform tasks.
- Very good skill station – don't recall how other med boxes stocked but we needed more syringes! VAC very difficult to put thru Amiodarone.

June 8 , 2010

- This was painful
- Good
- Mike Ramm & Chris Nye are excellent instructors. Great hands-on experience. Do more like this.
- Great realistic learning experience. Continue this type of training.
- Great training
- Much better to have these more realistic training scenarios. Should continue this trend. Should post power pts on line.
- Rarely do I give 4's, but this was a very good hands-on. Instructors did a great job. Coffee needs to be fresher or maybe flavored.
- Great scenario! Best way to learn
- Liked the scenario
- Great learning. Scenario learned some med doses that I don't use all the time.
- Great
- Great CE
- Excellent hands on
- This was a great drill.
- Good skill station.

June 9 , 2010

- Anastomosis?
- Did not have a test.
- Pretty good C.E.
- Good
- We need drugs to be set up & ready – pre injects – not vial – takes too long to draw up
- Great scenarios
- Video unnecessary! Too much info. Only give us basic info needed.
- Good job on the scenarios. Maybe have a more realistic number of responders per group though. Like 5 instead of 8
- Break out group very good – followed protocol, not opinions (war stories) & past experiences.
- Shorter breaks. Let's just get it done.
- Hands on was life like and good review.
- Great movie review of device.
- Loved the hands on

- Great hands on CE
- Good CE, refresher.
- More AM classes on "C" shift. Go back to start time of 0800 hrs. Have certain classes dedicated just for TFD to cut down on other dept's complaining. Possible to get Emer. Response Cards for LVAD and place in the LifePak pouch? Maybe behind quick patches. Most important – keep Tom coming back!

June 15, 2010

- Skills Station was excellent
- Great skills station style. Just tweek it don't change a lot.
- I didn't realize that being a LVAD tech was in our job description.
- The skill station was very helpful !!
- Where do I send my resume to be a salesman for Life Core?
- Very good lab setting. More of this please.
- Outstanding practicals and real world application which simulated on-scene efforts accurately of C.A. protocols.
- Very good training more realistic
- Well done.
- Good hands on
- Spicy!
- I like ½ hands on and ½ lecture

June 16, 2010

- Learned more on LVAD, good practical in the scenario
- Nice review on the LVAD. Cardiac arrest was a good review.
- Arg, long lecture about a very small fraction of patients we will ever treat. Long realistic scenario once in a while is good, but doing one every month would reduce it's effectiveness.
- Good classroom/scenario
- Looking forward to using cooling collar. Looks promising. Best CE in a long time!
- The best yet!
- Good class. I like the new format for scenario training.
- Great to work as a team.
- Hands on stations great job
- We need to keep doing cardiac arrest codes w/ICE Protocol.
- Scenario was great
- Excellent
- Scenario was great practice – maintain that operation
- Liked the "real" scenario being presented. Rotation & improved participation in various roles would be a plus.
- Good skill station. Much more realistic.

June 22, 2010

- Good review, good division of departments.
- Excellent
- Nice drill. Good participation from all depts. for a change.
- Good review
- Possible adjustable collar.

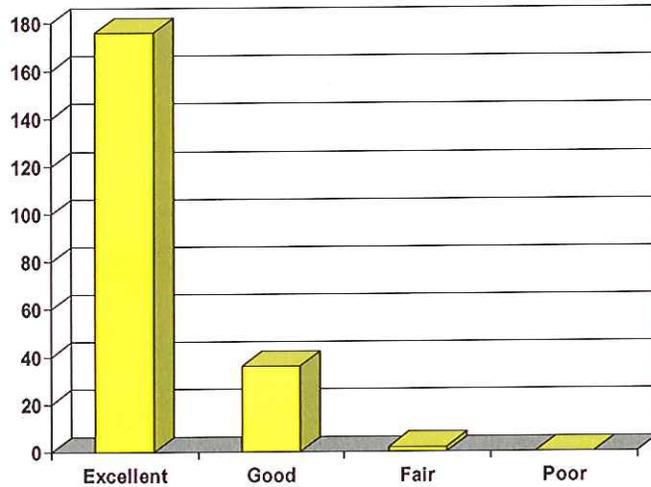
- Good training, especially the hands-on portion.
- Good training today.
- Good class
- Great
- Good CE like normal! I definitely like the small classes and the new behavior of the “Big Department”. Much more enjoyable now! *Cardiac arrest scenarios were excellent!

June 23 , 2010

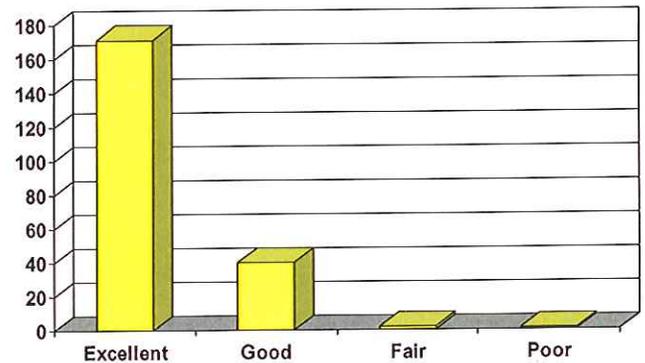
- LVAD video was very dry. CA scenario very good! Stop watch for drug box.
- More 9-1 sessions.
- Good hands on review
- Great hands on skill station
- Awesome training, very beneficial.
- Good scenarios & presentation. Too many people in these groups. I like that we are getting involved in new technology.
- Practical station worked out good!
- Educational skill station
- Great skill station. Worked well together. Sylvania is quiet...thank you. Fred Riggs/Jim Maher good job in our station.
- Scenarios was eye-opening – very helpful
- Need more 9-1 options. Excellent interactive workshop for CPR & protocols. Need AMA help/A&O decisions on scene.
- Fun – good idea Brent – who thought of it?
- More protocol review
- Good class. Great station
- Good information. Keep updating on LVADs. Good cardiac arrest scenario.
- That was a good CE!
- Great class
- Excellent review! Need to do more CE like this – real time frame scenarios.
- Hands on always helpful
- Liked the scenario

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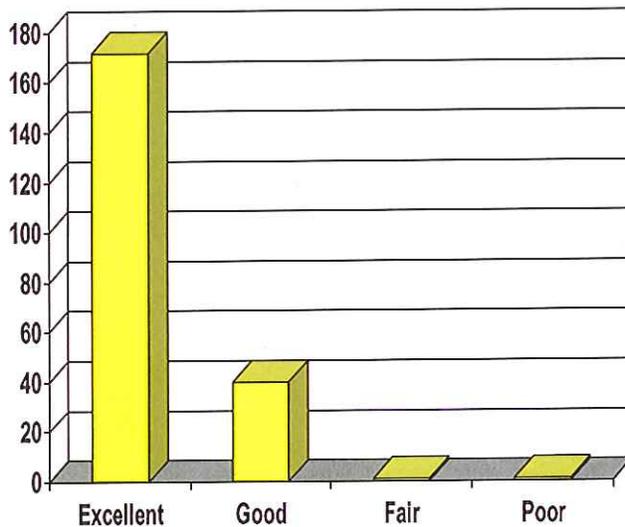
1. The course started on time



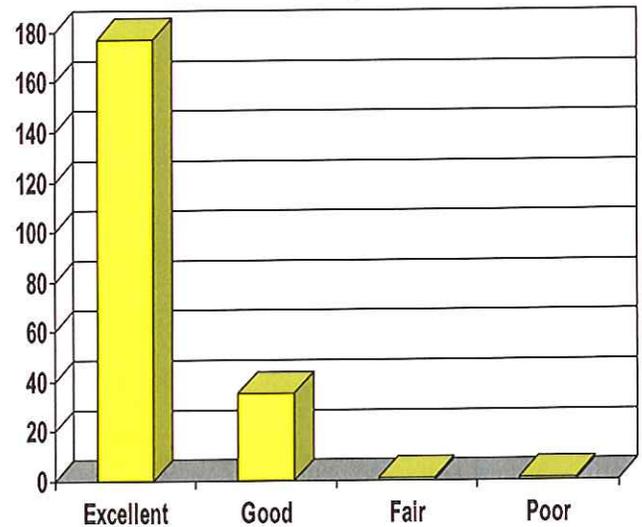
2. Course Objectives were clearly stated



3. Material was presented in an understandable manner



4. The instructor spoke clearly and loud enough to be heard



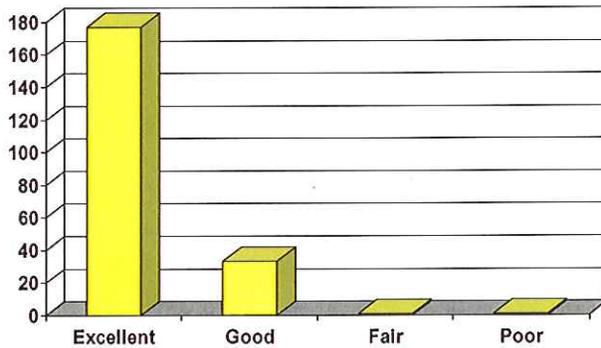
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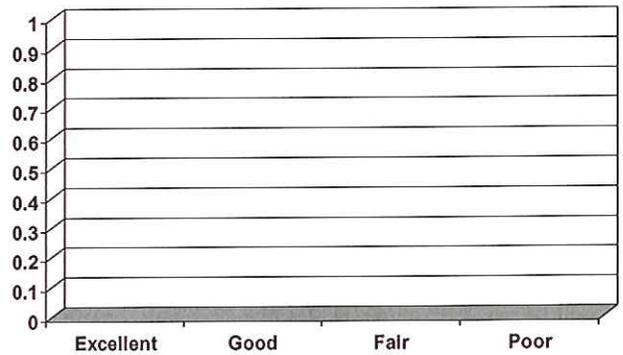
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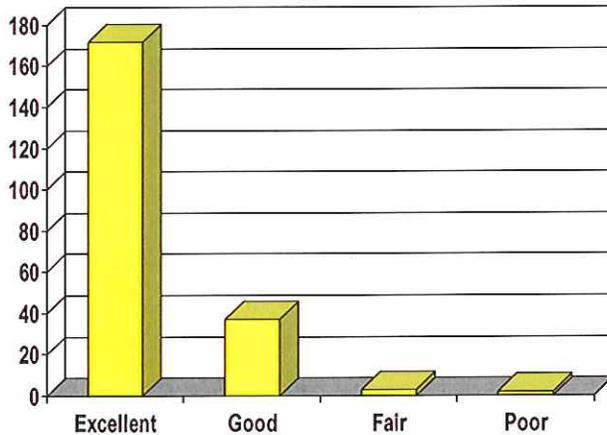
5. The instructor encouraged participation where appropriate



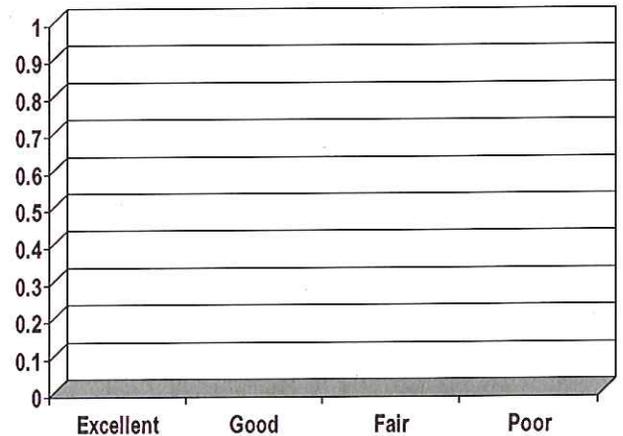
6. Handouts were easy to use and helpful
N/A



7. Rate your overall evaluation of the C.E. session



8. Did the written test reflect the objectives and course content? N/Ae



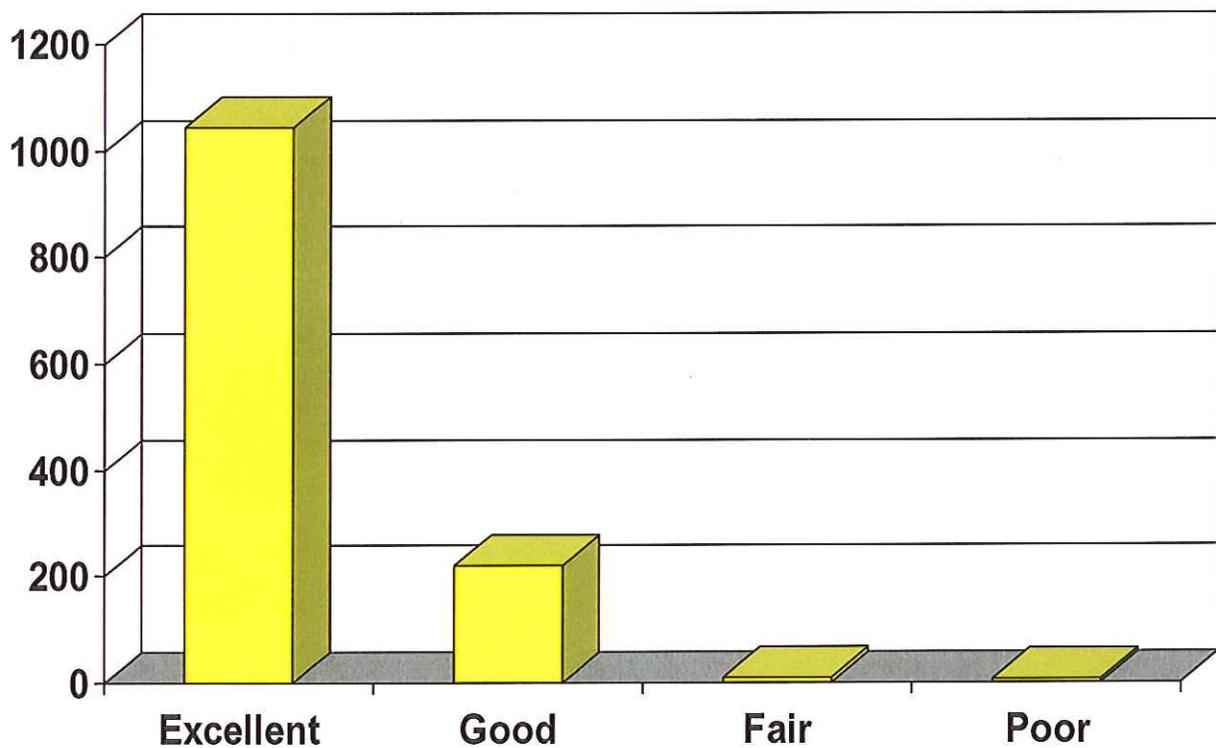
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Summary of All Responses to All Questions



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