

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2011

PRESENT

Jeff Hibbard for Chief McNutt
Rich Ellett
Chief Rick Helminski
Lt. Glenn Newman
Rod Standiford
Brian Burr
Nicole Knight
Dr. David Miramontes
Dan Desmond
Kenan Mylander
Jim Fenn
Loren Boyken
Chad Premo
Captain Jeff Romstadt

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Maumee Fire – LS 7
Springfield Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Sylvania Twp. – LS6
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Toledo Fire – LS1
Metro Toledo Fire – Mercy Health Partners
Toledo Fire – LS2
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center ED
Flower Hospital
LCEMS Dispatcher
ProMedica
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau

STAFF

Dr. David Lindstrom
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey

Medical Director
QA/QI
Communications Supervisor

ABSENT

Jodi Livecchi
Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Chief Charles Flack
Mark Briggs

Toledo Fire – LS 3
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire – LS 5
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Springfield Twp. Fire – LS10
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Jerusalem Twp. Fire
Ottawa Hills

Call to Order

The meeting was called at 9:00 am.

Minute Approval

The minutes from December 13, 2010 meeting were available for review. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

Training

Brent reported there was no CE in November and December. January's CE is reviewing toxicologic emergencies with skill stations. The paramedics will be re-introduced to the King Airway and EZ-IO. Also the paramedics will be inserviced on the new power cots. Anticipated delivery on the new cots will be mid-January. Once they are delivered, they will be distributed.

February's CE will have an inservice on the Life Pak 15's. A new component on the Life Pak 15's is the CO monitoring.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he told the fire chiefs at the Policy Board meeting the chiefs could consider taking advantage of the new CO monitoring for their current fire scene rehab policies if they desired.

QA

No report.

Old Business

Pediatric patients to pediatric hospitals - Rich Ellett asked if Dr. Lindstrom followed up with the pediatric issue at St. Luke's Hospital. Dr. Lindstrom reported he spoke with Dr. Crawford and she is checking into it. Also Dr. Lindstrom reported Dr. Crawford has the same position as he regarding emergency physicians can take care of any critical child.

Auto Pulse/Lucas – Dr. Lindstrom opened up the discussion of a recommendation of the mechanical CPR devices. Rod Standiford reported Sylvania paramedics recommend the purchase of the Lucas and cited why. Nicki Knight and Rich Ellett reported why they liked the Auto Pulse. A very lengthy discussion ensued regarding the mechanical devices. Dr. Miramontes reported he is a proponent of the Auto Pulse due to the literature he has read, but he proposes the Lucas for the County for the better option at this time. A motion was made and the recommendation was to go with the Lucas.

Guest

Kristina Diederich from Covidien/Kendall Healthcare was introduced. Ms. Diederich reported she met with Al to discuss certain supplies the county uses and presented products for the committee members to look at and trial.

New Business

Run Issue – Dan Desmond reported on an issue with a transport he went on. Dan cited he was dispatched to 31/y/o seizure patient who was not actively seizing. Dan reported this patient has seizures every day and there are problems with home care for this patient. Dan said he called in report saying she could go BLS. After talking to the hospital they said okay if they carry Ativan.

Dan reported there is a systemic issue in that some physicians do not know the county protocols. Dan suggested a letter be sent to the attending physicians on system resources and protocols.

Dr. Lindstrom stated a letter will be sent. Also Dr. Lindstrom said paramedics need to have direct communication with the physicians anything outside the protocol.

Nicki inquired if it was possible to update the physicians in the ePCR. Brent said paramedics can type in the doctor's names. It is difficult to keep up with the doctor's names and when doctors leave a hospital, we are not informed of such.

Dan Desmond asked about the makeup of the Paramedic Committee stating he thought the committee should have a paramedic chairperson

Dr. Lindstrom explained how the committee structure was formed when the county took over. This committee makes recommendations and it is forwarded to the Policy Board. Dr. Lindstrom also reported large budget items are left to the Policy Board as well.

Open Discussion

Nicki inquired into an explanation regarding taking patients deemed BLS/ALS citing an incident where LS1 was called to assess a patient they thought was BLS. She explained they took the patient, but did nothing for the patient. After a brief discussion it was decided this was a Toledo Fire policy and to be discussed with their department.

Dan Desmond asked about the issue of giving a patient's name over the radio. Dr. Lindstrom reported because of HIPPA patient confidentiality and safety reasons, paramedics should avoid giving a patient's name out.

Brian Burr gave kudos to LCEMS Dispatch saying they are very nice in what they do, i.e. telling them what ambulance they would be getting and how long it would be.

Brian cited a run where LS6 was dispatched on an unconscious, where they were dispatched from station 1 to Talmadge and Monroe Street area. They were on the scene with law enforcement for four minutes to find out the first responders got the call as a Code 2 response and it ended up as an overdose. Brian asked how calls are received and dispatched.

Pat explained how calls are received and processed.

Brian asked about the process for spec'ing the life squads. Who decides what company and what is on the life squads. Brent reported this is a question better posed to Dennis, but in the past there was a sub-committee set up for this process.

After much discussion, Dan Desmond made a motion to have a paramedic representative end user to give opinions on new life squads. This was seconded by Rod Standiford. Motion carried.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, **February 14th** at 9:00 a.m.

Lucas County EMS
Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation
Course: Toxicology Emergencies
Instructor: Brent Parquette
Course Dates: January 4,5,6,11,12,18,19,25,26, 2011

COMMENTS

January 4, 2011

- Jon presented a great evening of review of street drugs & good update on the new stuff.
- Good break-out sessions!
- Wish we could download powerpoints.
- Good job Jon.
- Do they have boxes like the chillcore that could heat fluids. Good class.

January 5, 2011

- Good informative lecture. *EZ-IO very good tool; new XL Smith cot – very useful. *Do not feel need for protocol CD. *Mechanical CPR device – prefer the ZOLL – Auto Pulse because of ease of movement w/pt. coupled w/Smith style cot.
- My interest in being a paramedic has once again risen because of the members of our continuing education program. God bless you.
- Might want to reinforce that what is taught in CE by instructors is actually practiced by them in field.
- Very informative presentation!
- Great job on tox!
- Good CE
- J.Z. is great!
- I prefer Lucas device.
- I would like to see the Auto Pulse. Easy to get around & easy to use.

January 6, 2011

- Could have spoke more about tx of different OD or consumption.
- Very informative – good lecture. Skill stations were very helpful.
- Steve, great job in presenting the toxicology lecture but shouldn't Couture have presented it based on past personal experiences in the 70's?
- Good day, good stations.
- What ever you do, do not let Marty retire from teaching at LCEMS.
- Skills and hands-on were great
- Thanks for the extra morning classes!
- Good review. Love the new equipment.
- Please go with the LUCAS device! The Auto Pulse is too heavy and awkward to carry. There is no additional cost for the LUCAS, while the disposable straps for the Auto Pulse are difficult to snap in place and are expensive!

January 11, 2011

- As always break out sessions are great.
- If possible, suggest to medical director to range Zofran dose 4mg-8mg instead of just 4mg. I have had experience with 8mg initially over smaller dose for severely sick individuals.
- Full body vacuum splints. PDR with icon on Zoll or MDT to be able to look up meds for poss OD/toxicology. Side handles on new cots, like on the bariatric cots so multiple people can help lift easier. (Zoll) When entering meds/allergies, when trying to add additional ones, the previous letters stay in the search box and you must backspace first to start a new drug.
- Technical glitch.
- Tell Kahan to speak to both sides of the room – needs to go through the Brent Parquette school of public speaking.
- R/T#1 – technical difficulties – way to go – doing stations first. Sean (Shawn) W. did a nice job today. What about some lectures on more unusual issues? Dystonic reactions. Conversion disorder, Psych pts, etc. Herbal meds-any interactions, toxicities, etc.

January 12, 2011

- Nicely done.
- Good C.E.
- Good class. Love the break out skill stations.
- Good info. Thanks.
- No need for updated CD protocol distribution.

January 18, 2011

- Need to put more evening classes. Myself and other county medics have other daytime jobs.
- Brent's usual eclectic mix of fun & learning!
- Well documented. Very well presented.
- Good scenarios.
- Nice cot.
- Good info.
- No need for CD's.
- The Toledo medics look good in uniform.
- Adequate balance between lecture and hands-on.
- Good refresher. Good scenarios.
- Please get rid of 20 min i/s time!
- No awards are needed for doing the job. – Goof balls?

January 19, 2011

- Informative
- Good class – nice lecture John Z. Nice new products – cots & collars. Thank you.

January 25, 2011

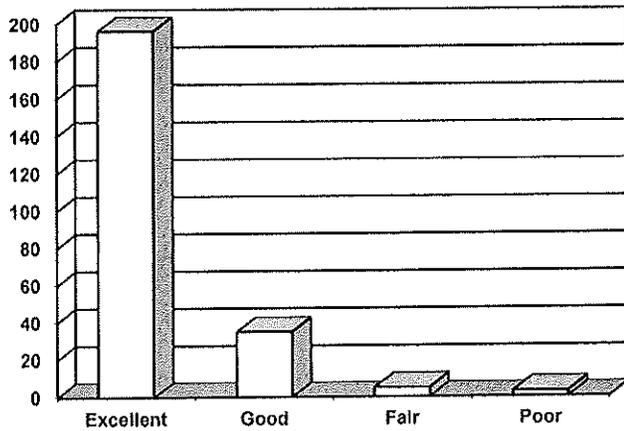
- Love the hands on
- Good info. Thanks for adding more morning C.E. options.
- Where are new tables for TFD? John did an excellent job w/lecture. No snacks? Does Dr. Lindstrom ever lecture @ CE's?
- Always great review and much appreciated.
- Tell Tom to give correct information!
- Nice drug lec. Good info.
- Way too organized – it's January 25th and Feb CE info is posted.
- Good review.
- Some handouts with drug info would have been good.

January 26, 2011

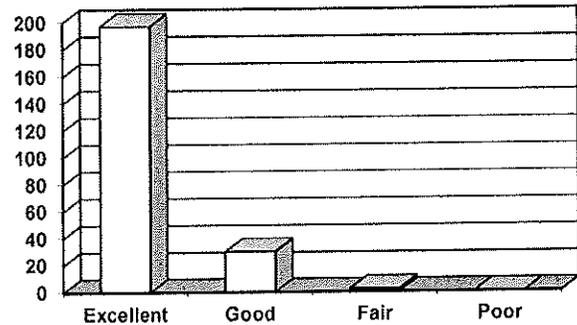
- Put power pts on-line
- Would be nice if form of handouts/presentation could be made available for review/use. Lecture goes to fast to allow information to be copied.
- With updates on protocols on line, can there be a link or highlighted to indicate which ones have been changed/updated on web site as opposed to reading through all protocols. to find updated ones. Possible to get/outfit L.S. with cabinet heater for saline?
- Drug presentation to fast to keep up with. ePCR's suck
- Once again, the absence of an examination seems to be having a positive result in terms of improved morale.
- Always a good review.
- Good review.
- Lets not put equipment into service until we train on it. (power cot).
- Great course!
- Well done.
- Nice work. Thank you for the update session – good information
- New rigs should be appliance trucks with lift gates.

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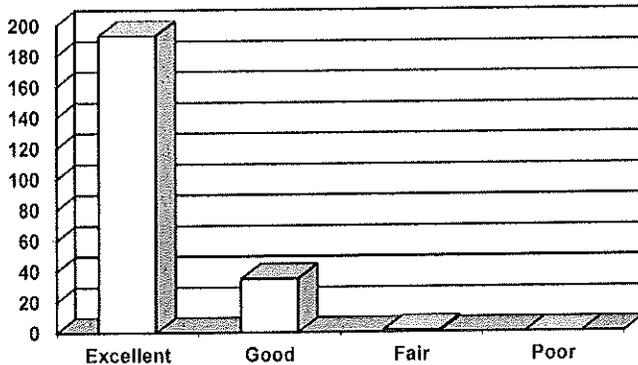
1. The course started on time



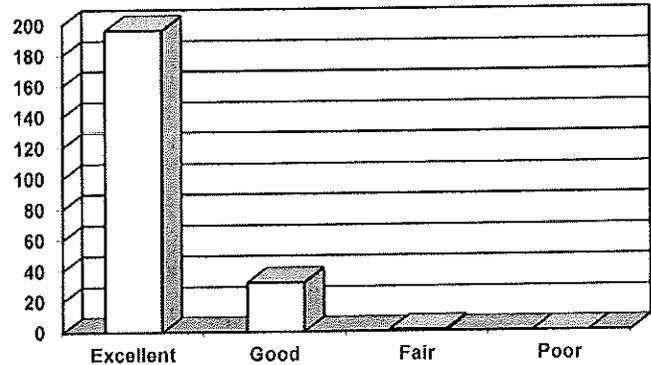
2. Course Objectives were clearly stated



3. Material was presented in an understandable manner



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



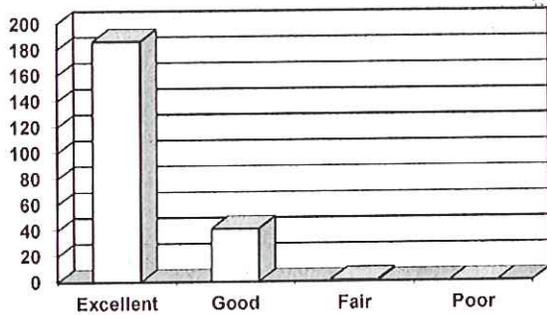
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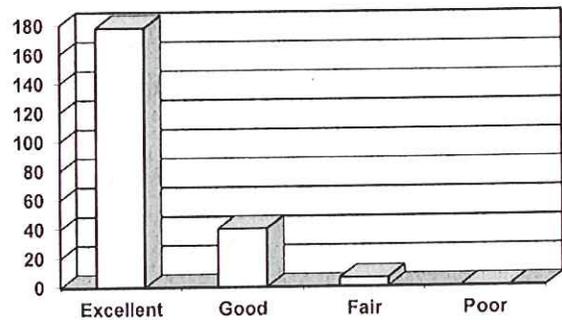
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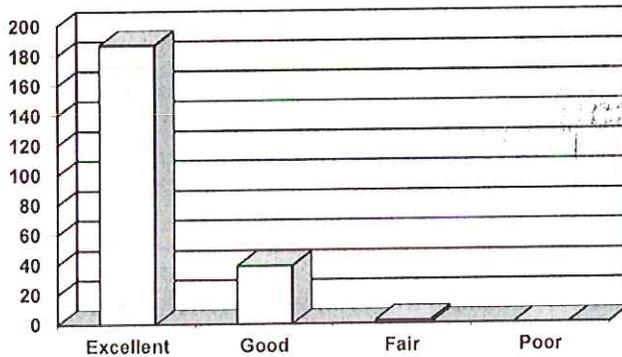
5. The instructor encouraged participation where appropriate



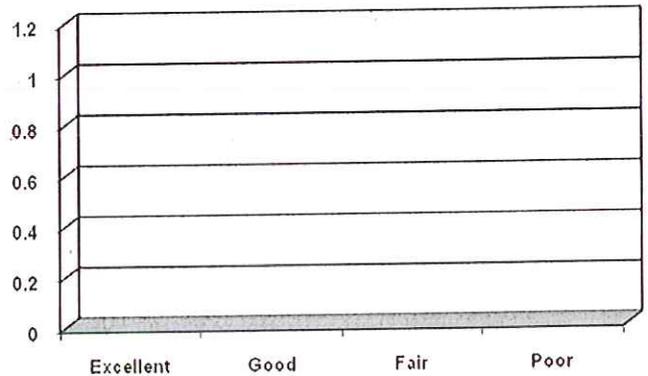
6. Handouts were easy to use and helpful
N/A



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



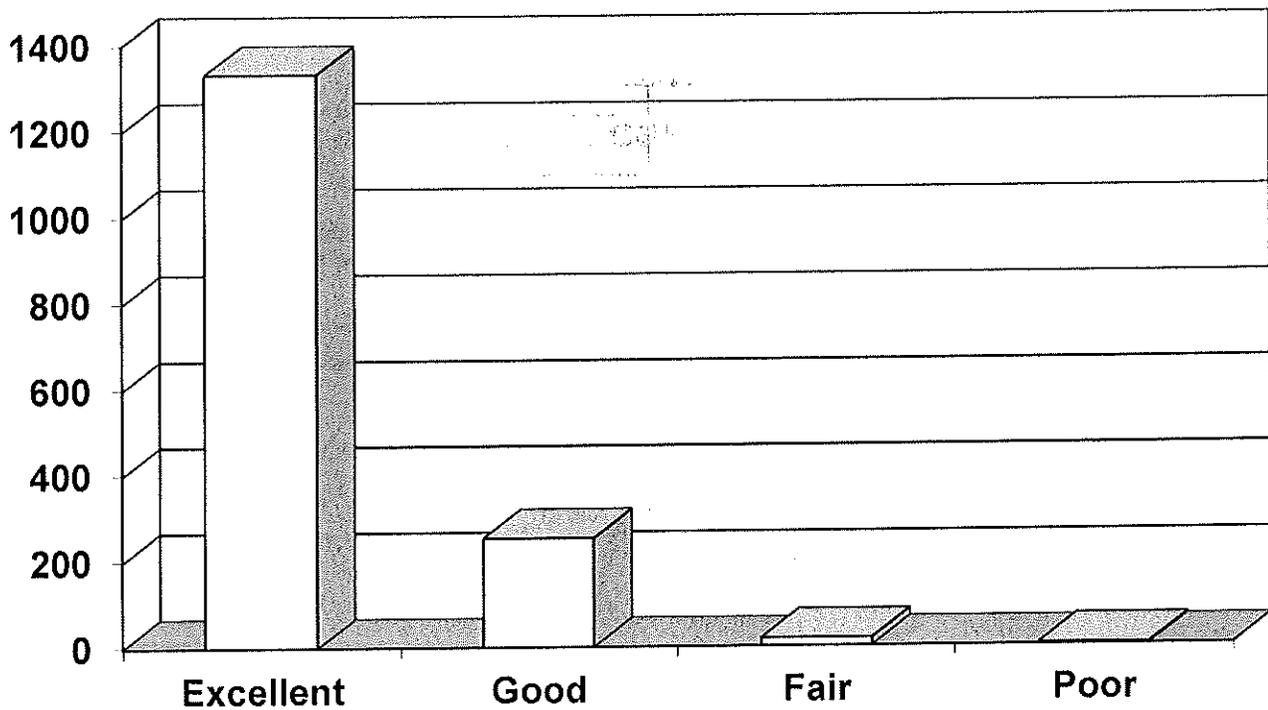
8. Did the written test reflect the objectives and course content? N/Ae



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Summary of All Responses to All Questions



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