

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2011

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt  
Jeff Hibbard  
Brian Dotson  
EMS Chief Martin Fuller  
Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Craig Koperski  
Greg May  
Rich Ellett  
Jeff Nissen  
Lt. Glenn Newman  
Allison Armstrong  
Lt. Terrence Glaze  
Dr. David Miramontes  
Kenan Mylander  
Jim Fenn  
Chad Premo  
Michele Garlough

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
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Sylvania Twp. Fire  
Sylvania Twp. Fire – LS6/Annex  
Springfield Fire – LS10  
Maumee Fire – LS 7  
Oregon Fire – LS8  
Toledo Fire  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Metro Toledo Fire/Mercy Health Partners  
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center ED  
Flower Hospital  
ProMedica  
Life Flight

STAFF

Dennis Cole  
Dr. David Lindstrom  
Brent Parquette  
Al Moenter

Emergency Services Director  
Medical Director  
QA/QI  
Annex Supervisor

ABSENT

Tracy Stanford  
Keith Mooseman  
Chief Charles Flack  
Mark Briggs

Toledo Fire – LS 3  
Toledo Fire – LS 4  
Toledo Fire – LS 5  
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 January 10, 2011 meeting were available for review. With no corrections, Jeff Hibbard made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Rich Ellett. The minutes were approved as written.

## **Training**

Brent reported the CE comments from January were available to review. Brent reported January's CE was a review of toxicology emergencies and hands-on inservice on the new power cots. February is covering carbon monoxide poisoning with a skills station on the Life Pak 15. The plan is to distribute the Life Paks the second week of March. Brent reported a representative from Physio is due this week regarding the transmission piece.

## **QA**

Dr. Lindstrom reported there were a couple of individual incidents which he discussed with the departments involved.

## **Old Business**

Chief McNutt reported he received a call from another chief regarding the Lucas and Auto Pulse and the decision made.

Dennis Cole reported he was not at the last meeting and but there was a lot of discussion regarding the two pieces of equipment and it was voted on to purchase the Lucas.

Rich Ellet reported this was driven by himself saying that he and not all departments got to use the equipment. Rich said he has used both and there are pros and cons to each one and to move forward.

## **New Business**

Dennis Cole reported he is ready to order the next four life squads. Dennis asked committee members present if these new squads should have built in them a winch and ramp for bariatric cots. Dennis cited Brent did a study and had found only 17 patients in one and half years over 700 pounds. Dennis said he looked at Stryker's Auto load cots and they only hold 700 pounds, but they are not bariatric cots. Glenn suggested buying bariatric cots and leave them at various fire stations throughout the county for easy access when need. After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to put the winch and ramps on the new vehicles.

## **Open Discussion**

Greg May brought up the discussion of the mounting of the O<sup>2</sup> bottle at the foot of the cot. He cited he ran into an issue with it and thinks it's a bad spot for it. Brent reported he has received a couple of complaints regarding this. A couple of issues were brought forth, tall patients, Life Pak placement and O<sup>2</sup> tubing. It was suggested a training should be done.

Dr. Miramontes reported St. Vincent has received a significant number of hypothermic patients. Just a reminder Hypothermic patients are in fact trauma patients, when the cause is due to exposure to extreme cold. St. Vincent has developed a Hypothermia treatment protocol with our trauma physicians and cardiothoracic surgeons. Patients with core temperatures 30 to 33 degrees Celsius may receive invasive warming (via warm peritoneal, bladder and pleural

lavage). Patients with core temperatures less than 30 degrees Celsius get invasive warming as above and/or cardiopulmonary bypass warming in the cardiac OR. All hypothermic patients from exposure are admitted to the Trauma Service with appropriate Trauma Alert or Trauma Priority activations in the ER.

Rich Ellet reported on an incident where LS7 transported a patient to UTMC because St. Luke's was on bypass. Rich stated they were in a holding pattern over 20 minutes before the hospital staff took over their patient. Rich also stated LS4 had the same issue with a Stroke patient and they were in a holding pattern for over 25 minutes. Rich asked about the legality and are the life squad personnel still continue treatment of the patient. Dr. Lindstrom reported the patients are the hospital's responsibility if something should happen to them. But the paramedics should treat if something critical comes up. Dr. Lindstrom said the county can put them on bypass and he can call and talk to who is in charge. As for this case, by the time he talked to the hospital, it was over.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he will bring this issue up at the next Nurse/Manager's meeting.

Craig Koperski reported the bid list for the county is done for the year. Any department may have a copy and are entitled to the same pricing as the county.

Dennis Cole reported he had met a couple of times with a representative from MED 3000, our billing company. Dennis asked the departments to encourage the paramedics to sync their reports before they leave their shift. Also, paramedics are not always putting in the correct zip codes. Brent said this can be looked up on the MDT. Paramedics just have to highlight the address and it will show the zip code.

Brent reported there is also a lack of narratives on the reports and this is also required for billing. Brent said he is looking to develop a bulletin board to feature the zip codes.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m.

Lucas County EMS  
Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation  
Course: Carbon Monoxide Poisoning & Inservice LP15  
Instructor: Brent Parquette  
Course Dates: February 1,2,3,8,9,15,16,22,23, 2011

## COMMENTS

### February 1, 2011

- Good CE
- Cold Room. Never mind, it's jibber jabber.
- Is the AED function for those paramedics who no longer intubate and only use the King LT?
- Didn't go over 12 lead transmission in group.
- Awesome
- Great to have CO monitoring to benefit us now! Thanks Lucas County
- Should be passed along to all FD's in Lucas County to raise awareness and bring it to the forefront of all firefighters minds

### February 2, 2011 – cancelled rescheduled 3/1/11

- Can't wait to gem em!
- LP15 – excellent tool!
- Always like having information on-line to go over before CE

### February 3, 2011

- I am so glad we went with LifePak 15's. They are the best monitor option I think.
- Good session/very informative.
- I like knew equipment.
- Good hands on.
- Good review
- LP15 is awesome! Excellent in-service.
- Glad to see the new equip.
- Enjoyed class.
- No snacks yet? Does Dr. Lindstrom do CE's?? Does anyone update website on run totals for month/year.
- Appreciate the guided tour of new equipment (LP15)

### February 8, 2011

- Great
- Thanks for the increased 0900-1300 options
- Good class today

### February 9, 2011

- I like the LifePak 15
- I miss the food! Like not counting off for groups. Better to be with people we like & work with.

- Video of LP15 very painful – would rather have done scenarios.
- Like the 15!
- Informative! Zesty! Need diet coke in vending machine! Need more cowbell!
- Very good instruction. The LP 15 looks very nice.
- Very informative and useful!

### February 15, 2011

- Very good. Need more than 20 min o/s time!
- Good class. Nice to use LP15 before going out to streets. Video was sort of boring , it contained things that should be common sense. Bluetooth transmission is awesome! Thank you for finally changing (upping) the aspirin dosage. Are we buying more ResQgards? Brent, great job at being progressive & forward thinking.
- Nice job as always.
- I can see a big advantage using LP15 with head injuries and intubated pts using the trend modes!
- Very good CE
- Good review of CO poisoning – mention family pets may be first to exhibit s/s of CO poisoning. Scary handling LP15! Will take time to learn all the functions & mergers! Thanks – good class as usual!

### February 16, 2011

- The video was very non interesting. It's nice being in the skill stations w/guys you worth with.
- Very cool.
- The way the groups were selected was perfect. Let us choose who we work with. This lets the people who want to learn stay together.
- The LifePak video is a bit a bit excessive. Hands on training is more effective in conjunction with patient scenarios.
- If you want more info in tablet, give us more time.
- Outstanding CE. Great info on CO + LP-15
- Good reminder session on the inherent dangers of CO and it's relative concern as FF's.
- Great class!

### February 22, 2011

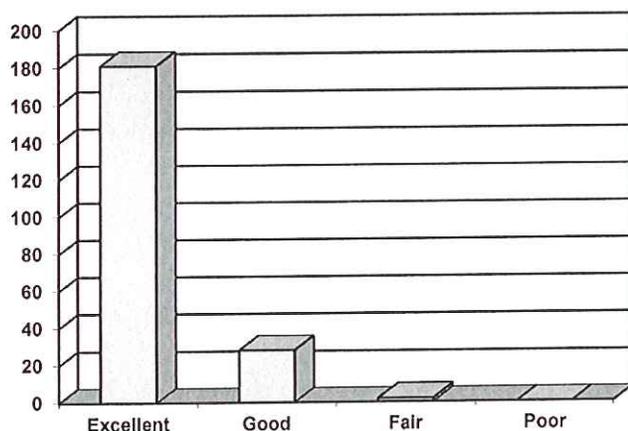
- Excellent
- A lot of info – especially for non-lifesquad personnel. Reference materials from Physio will be helpful for study and review.
- Very nice having lecture notes on line.
- Wouldn't it be more cost effective to the individual FD's for the crews who have to go through in depth training and trialing of a product to have time credit when the product is implemented? i.e. many crews were trained & trialed the LP15 and still had to be "re"-educated on how to use it. Too many videos.
- Exciting new technology! \*Can we get nail polish remover preps?
- Good LP15 video. Can't wait to use it! I like how Johnny Z breaks us into groups. He's awesome
- Cookies?

## February 23, 2011

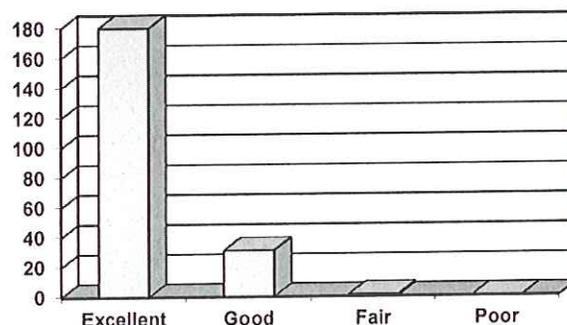
- If CE sessions are becoming crowded by departments hiring more firefighters, then why is space being made for private ambulance personnel who don't even encounter our scenarios on a daily basis? Seems to be waste of seats LCEMS departments could use.
- Actually a very good DVD, good again to have a learning C.E. as opposed to a testing CE.
- After intro of LP15 need refresher to see if there are any problems.
- It's my life squad and I want my LP15 now!
- Good hands on. Knowledgeable instructors.
- Yaaay!
- Good session. Nice upgrade to the LP15!
- Rich Ellet is about as good as Marty. Keep him too.
- Good familiarization with LifePak 15.

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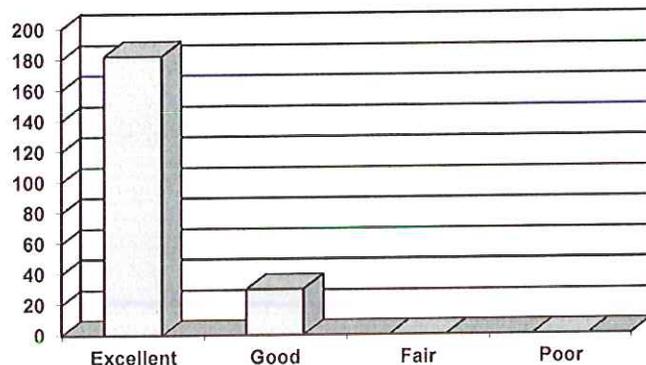
1. The course started on time



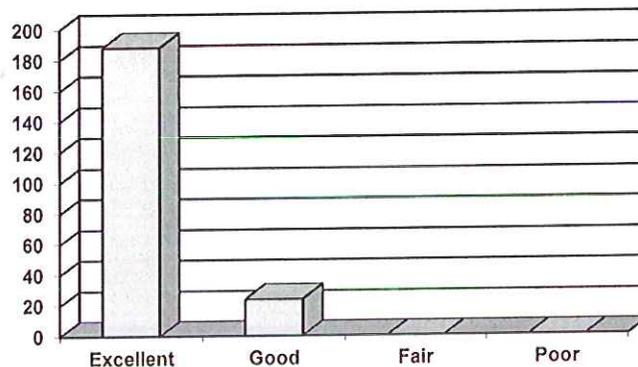
2. Course Objectives were clearly stated



3. Material was presented in an understandable manner



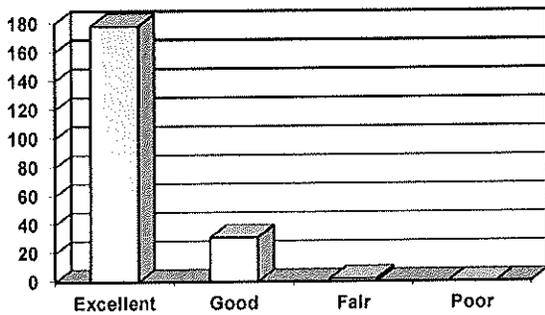
4. The instructor spoke clearly and loud enough to be heard



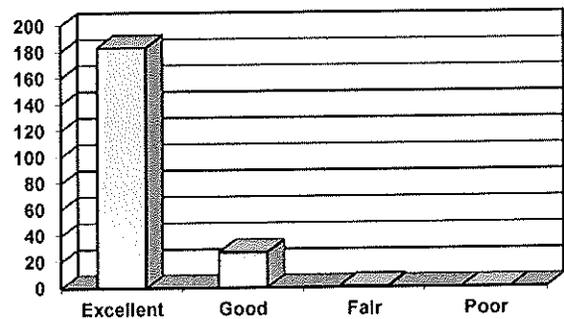
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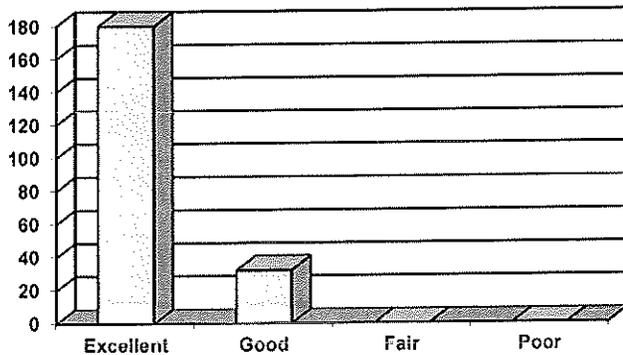
5. The instructor encouraged participation where appropriate



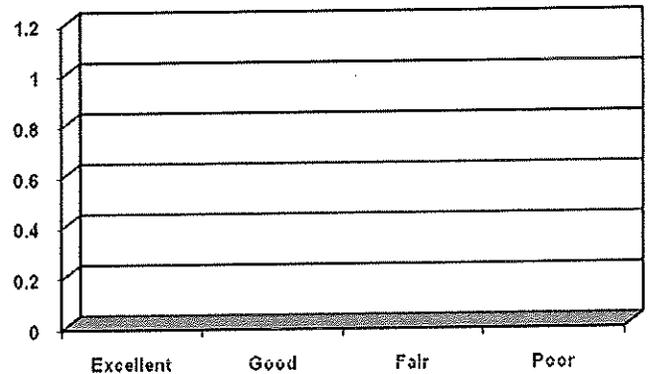
6. Handouts were easy to use and helpful  
N/A



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



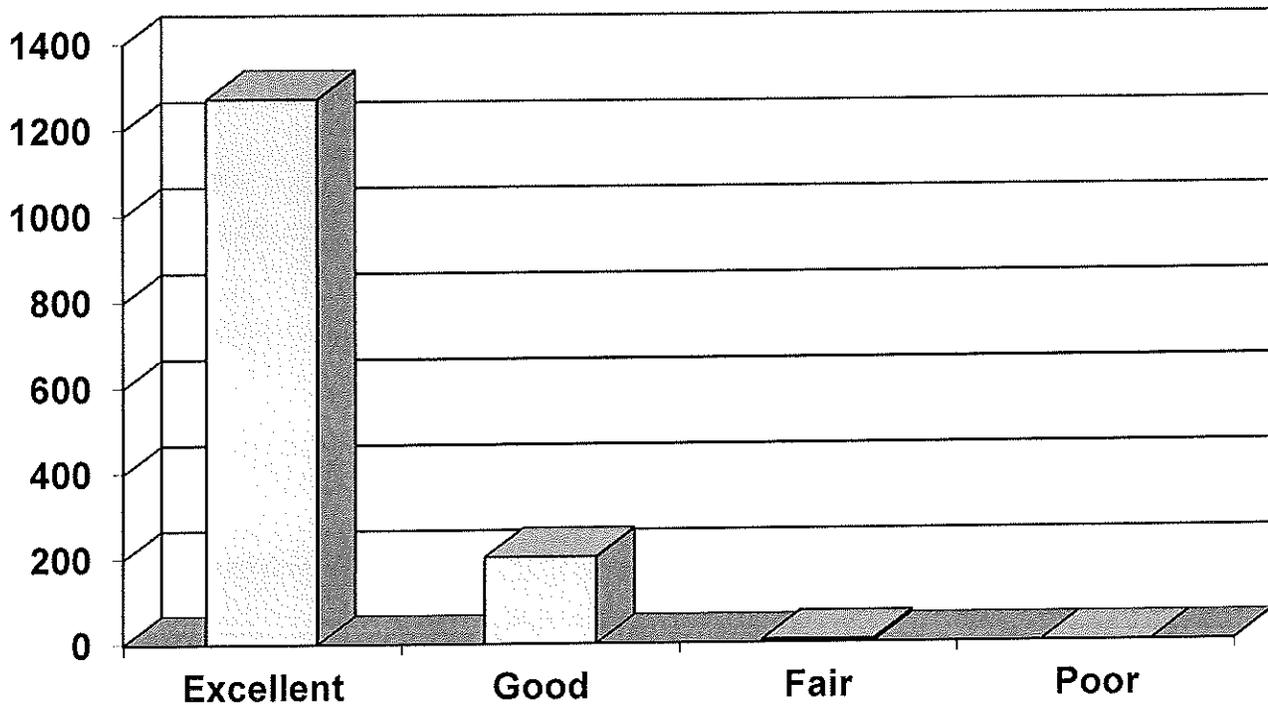
8. Did the written test reflect the objectives and course content? N/Ae



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## Summary of All Responses to All Questions



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