

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2011

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt  
Rich Ellett  
Captain Jeff Romstadt  
Allison Armstrong  
Dr. Daniel Schwerin  
Dr. Greg Hymel  
Chief Mark Mullins  
Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Ann Frahn  
Nicole Blake Knepper

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire  
Maumee Fire – LS 7  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital  
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital  
Oregon Fire Dept.  
Sylvania Twp. Fire  
MSCH  
MSCH

STAFF

Dr. David Lindstrom  
Dennis Cole  
Brent Parquette  
Pat Moomey  
Loren Boykin

LCEMS Medical Director  
Emergency Services Director  
QA/QI  
Dispatch Supervisor  
EMS Dispatch

ABSENT

Rod Standiford  
Brian Dotson  
  
Tracy Stanford  
Keith Mooseman  
Chief Charles Flack

Toledo Fire – LS1  
Toledo Fire – LS2  
Toledo Fire - LS3  
Toledo Fire – LS4  
Toledo Fire – LS5  
Sylvania Fire - LS6  
Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
Springfield Fire – LS10  
Washington Twp. Fire  
Waterville Fire  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chief McNutt

**Minute Approval**

The minutes from June 13, 2011 meeting were available for review. Rich Ellett made a motion to approve the minutes which were seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

## **Training**

Brent reported the CE comments and evaluations from June were made available to review. Brent reported the paramedics had a break from CE for the summer. Brent reported June's training was on the LUCAS which was deployed in July. Brent reported the device was discussed at the Medical Committee meeting and it was reported there of a couple of cases of tissue breakdown from the device.

Dr. Lindstrom reported there was an application of the LUCAS by personnel from LS8 where it was used on a patient for 45 minutes and got a pulse and taken to Bay Park. Dr. Lindstrom said the hospital sent him pictures of the patient after the LUCAS was used. Dr. Lindstrom reported Bay Park had a concern because of the bruising of the chest and mild tissue breakdown. The process we took was to approach the crew to check their application and procedure, which was done correctly. Dr. Lindstrom reported he just received approval from Bay Park to check the medical records of the patient.

Dr. Lindstrom reported we will be setting up guides in running a code. American Heart has made some changes in drugs in Asystole & PEA.

Brent reported that a sales person, Magrum who works for Joe Life sells the LUCAS. The LUCAS was used on him for 50 minutes and he had a temporary "tattoo" (bruise) on him after it's use.

Brent reported September's CE is ACLS recertification, which is an eight hour day. The paramedics will be given updated guidelines. Atropine is being removed from Asystole and PEA rhythms. Also the length of time of running a cardiac arrest.

## **QA**

Dr. Lindstrom reported he continues the process of checking with command officers first if there is an issue with a paramedic. Since June he has had five instances to deal with individuals involved in various issues which are resolved. Dr. Lindstrom said he compliments the chiefs on their cooperation. Dr. Lindstrom noted that things worked out on the day the incident occurred that he could address the issue that day.

## **Old Business**

Rich Ellett reported with the change with the rotation of lockers being stocked has worked.

Dennis Cole mentioned that he has heard there are times when the lockers are still left open.

Brent reported to the committee regarding his field use of the CirQlator and it's replacing the ResQPod with the device and it's measuring end tidal CO<sup>2</sup>. Brent said there have been 12 cases. Brent said they have had an abstract approved in the form of a poster to be presented at the AHA Scientific Sessions in the month of November.

Brent reported there have been 250 cases utilizing the ResQGard. Brent said he is compiling data along with two other departments, one in Texas and one in New York to publish outcomes from it's use at the end of the year. Brent reported he has positive outcome data. Brent also reported LCEMS was given 400 devices and eventually we will have to determine if we are going to continue utilize them because it will be at a cost. A discussion of end tidal CO<sup>2</sup> measurement ensued.

### **New Business**

Brent said a couple of nurses from St. Charles asked to attend this meeting to discuss OB status. Ann Frahn introduced herself as the Clinical Nurse Manager of Perinatal Services. She reported St. Charles is dropping their OB status from Level 2 to Level 1. Their new protocol is take pre term patients from St. Charles to St. Vincent. Their Level 2 service will stop September 12<sup>th</sup>. They no longer want a patient under 35 weeks in active labor. Ms. Frahn asked that paramedics be able to divert from St. Charles to St. Vincent. Dr. Lindstrom said we need a written communication from the hospital with this request. Dr. Lindstrom also cited this can't be done until October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will notify chiefs that this is coming "down the pike".

Brent reported they are always looking at new equipment. Brent said they have taken delivery of two airway devices to trial. Brent showed the King Vision which has a 2" screen to visualize the cords and he showed the Glide Scope which has a fibre optic video monitor to allow visualization of the cords. The King Vision costs 8 to 9 hundred dollars with disposable handles costing \$25. And the Glide scope costs 8 to 9 thousand dollars with the cost of \$12 for disposable blades. Brent said we have the devices for a month to get feedback. Chief Kowalski offered LS6 to trial it. Brent said he would like one of the squads from Toledo and requested that a same paramedic be used for consistency. Brent said someone from either LS4 or 5.

### **Open Discussion**

Rich Ellett brought up the use of filter straws. He said they are used to draw up meds from glass ampules in case of glass breakage the straws prevent glass shards from getting in. He said they are cheap and the Annex used to supply them. Dr. Lindstrom said we will back track and see.

Dr. Lindstrom said it was reported at the Medical Committee the billing trend is below target expected. Dennis and Vicki are keeping an eye on why this is happening.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m.