

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2011

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
Captain Jeff Romstadt
Allison Armstrong
Dr. Daniel Schwerin
Dr. Greg Hymel
Chief Mark Mullins
Chief Jeff Kowalski
Brian Dotson
Craig Koperski
Wayne Hartford
Glen Newman

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
Oregon Fire Dept.
Sylvania Twp. Fire
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Sylvania Fire – LS6
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire

STAFF

Dr. David Lindstrom
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Jon Ziehr

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

ABSENT

Rich Ellett

Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Chief Charles Flack

Toledo Fire – LS1
Toledo Fire – LS2
Toledo Fire - LS3
Toledo Fire – LS4
Toledo Fire – LS5
Maumee Fire – LS 7
Springfield Fire – LS10
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chief McNutt

Minute Approval

The minutes from August 8, 2011 meeting were available for review. Mark Mullins made a motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Jeff Kowalski. The minutes were approved as written.

Training

Brent reported the paramedics had no CE in July and August. September's CE is an ACLS recertification and the first three sessions have been completed. The changes from AHA have been put in our protocols. October will be the last month of CE for the year. The schedule for next year will be put out as soon as possible.

Brent reported LCEMS purchased two (2) King Vision video laryngoscopy units for trial. It has a 2 inch screen to aid in intubation. LS 6 and one of Toledo squads will be the first to trial and it will be moved around. The cost is about \$990 for the handle and \$25 for the one time use blade.

QA

Dr. Lindstrom reported there were a number of cases he looked into and followed up with the paramedics involved and their administration.

Old Business

Wish List – Chief McNutt asked if administration received any equipment/supply lists from paramedics for the budget. It was reported there was nothing received.

OB/St. Charles – Dr. Lindstrom reported he followed up on the long discussion held last month when Ann Frahn from St. Charles reported St. Charles was dropping their OB status from Level 2 to Level 1. Dr. Lindstrom reported essentially nothing will change for LCEMS. Paramedics will assess their patient and make contact with Med Control and it will be up to St. Charles to divert. Dr. Lindstrom said he won't create a pre hospital protocol for this.

Filter straws – Craig Koperski reported the Annex has made available the filter straws.

Regency Hospital – Craig asked into the issue of Regency Hospital and life squad dispatch to the site. Dr. Lindstrom reported there have been several layers of discussion as well as talking to the county attorney. Dr. Lindstrom reported life squads will respond to calls there and he is not creating a policy to go there. The best option is med control if there is the possibility of treatment beyond the scope of practice.

New Business

Billing – Dennis reported we are continuing to assess why the revenue is down. One issue is there were 200 runs in May without signatures are not billable. Dennis asked for the message to be taken back that we need signatures in the reports as well as information in the narrative. Also there is an issue with hospitals interfacing so we are re-implementing picking up face sheets again until it gets resolved.

Brent reported he will demonstrate again in October's CE how to access the signature screen.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding billing.

Open Discussion

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, **October 17th** at 9:00 a.m.