

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2011

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt  
Captain Allison Armstrong  
Mike Armstrong  
Lt. Mark Benadum  
Kari Gonzalez  
Dr. Daniel Schwerin  
Chief Mark Mullins  
Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Chief Rick Helminski  
Rich Ellett  
Matt Mathias  
Rod Standiford  
Wayne Hartford  
Nicole Blake-Knepper  
Jennifer Pasztor

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire  
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital  
Oregon Fire Dept.  
Sylvania Twp. Fire  
Springfield Twp. Fire  
Maumee Fire – LS7  
Maumee Fire  
Sylvania – LS6  
Toledo Fire  
Mercy St. Charles  
Mercy St. Vincent ED

STAFF

Dennis Cole  
Brent Parquette  
Pat Moomey

Emergency Services Director  
QA/QI  
Dispatch Supervisor

ABSENT

Tracy Stanford  
Keith Mooseman  
Chief Charles Flack

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

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Chief McNutt

**Minute Approval**

The minutes from September 12, 2011 meeting were available for review. Allison Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Mike Armstrong. The minutes were approved as written.

## **Training**

Brent reported the paramedics finished a refresher ACLS in September and successfully re-certified 301 paramedics. October is the remaining month for CE this year covering CardioVascular Emergencyes with skills labs. Also being covered is the billing piece in the ePCR. November and December there is no CE. The training schedule for 2012 will be out in mid November.

Brent reported the King Vision trial is in-serviced this week. Brent reported he was with the personnel on LS4 this morning and LS6 will be later this day. Brent said he will in-service the other two shifts this week.

## **QA**

Brent reported Dr. Lindstrom is working on some select cases, but nothing to report here.

## **Old Business**

Billing – Dennis reported September was a better month in revenue, but signatures is still the issue. Chief Helminski asked how long does the billing company try to get signatures. Dennis reported they do a 90 day cycle.

Rich Ellett asked about signatures obtained in the ePCR saying that when a patient can't sign and they, the paramedics, sign billing authorization is that legal. Brent reported yes that Medicare set forth these rules.

## **New Business**

Rigs – Dennis reported there are four (4) on order and Al along with Boyd from County Garage are going to Loudenville next week to inspect them. We should be receiving them in November.

Back-ups – Rich Ellett cited issues with the back-up rigs and how they have to use them when their regular rig has to go in for repair. Chief Mullins asked if rigs needing PM go in on a Monday or Tuesday so that a department is not without their regular rig all weekend.

## **Open Discussion**

Back-up Plan – Allison Armstrong asked if there was a back-up plan when a multitude of rigs are being used at an incident. Pat Moomey reported we call the ambulance companies to be used as ALS units. A discussion ensued regarding the use of TFD rescue units as ALS, staffing and equipment.

O<sup>2</sup> Bottles – Chief Mullins asked if the Annex could use a screw on top of the O<sup>2</sup> bottle?

Hospital Lockers – Rich reported some life squads are exchanging expired medications and leaving them in the locker at St. Luke's instead of taking them to the Annex, citing he has seen this for two months in a row.

ALS Boxes – Allison asked if Toledo was going to continue to carry narcotics in their ALS boxes. Dennis reported we have had conversations with TFD Administration regarding this. Initially it was being considered because of Toledo's squad's proximity to hospitals. Dennis reported nothing has been decided.

Bid List – Dennis asked those present if anyone had any items to be put on the bid list. Nothing presented.

Sandhu Collar – Dennis reported Dr. Lindstrom is moving away from the cooling collars.

ResQGARD – Brent reported we have ordered another 100 and after that not sure. The cost is just under \$50, citing the mask is the most expensive part of the ResQGARD kit. The feedback has been exceptionally good.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, **November 14<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m.