

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2012

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski
Lt. Kim Hood
Lt. Kari Gonzalez
Chad Premo
Dr. Daniel Schwerin
Dr. Andrew Nyberg
Craig Koperski
Jim Fenn
Chief Mark Mullins
EMS chief Martin Fuller
John Barnes
Nicole Knepper
Jennifer Pastor

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
ProMedica
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
Sylvania Twp. Fire – LS6/Annex
Flower Hospital
Oregon Fire
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
180th ANGB
St. Charles Mercy Hospital
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Dr. David Lindstrom
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Al Moenter

Emergency Services Director
Medical Director
QA/QI
Communications Manager
Annex Supervisor

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS1
Toledo Fire – LS2
Toledo Fire - LS3
Toledo Fire – LS4
Toledo Fire – LS5
Maumee Fire – LS7
Oregon Fire – LS8
Springfield Fire – LS10
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Chief Charles Flack

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from June 11, 2012 meeting were available for review. Craig Koperski made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Kari Gonzalez. The minutes were approved as written.

Training

Brent reported there wasn't any CE or meetings for the past couple of months. June's CE comments were available to review. To recap, June's CE dealt with the Esophageal temperature probe and intra arrest cooling. September's will be the introduction of the new CPAP equipment for bronchospasm diseases. The training is going well. Brent also reported there are only two months left of CE this year. October's CE will have introduction to new material required by the State, i.e., chest tube monitoring, Morgan Lens, skill training.

Chief Kowalski cited the comment in the June 14th CE comments regarding instructors restating questions so everyone can hear it. Brent reported he tries to do that.

QA

Dr. Lindstrom reported he is working on a couple of anecdotes.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he had a QA meeting with the Dispatch leads. They pulled out anecdotal cases and reviewed with the applicable cards and discussions were held.

Old Business

Ice Protocol – Craig Koperski asked how the Ice Protocol is going. Dr. Lindstrom reported good and no issues or fall outs. He said he had received calls from St. Anne, St. Charles having questions about the protocol. Dr. Lindstrom said he sent data to St. Charles and our projected number of patients to affect their volume. Dr. Lindstrom said it would be 8-15 patient loss over the year for those hospitals. Dr. Lindstrom also said he invited those hospitals to attend the Medical Committee to voice their concerns.

CID – Al reported they are out and about. Dennis reported he has heard concerns about disposal of these devices and they are not recycleable.

Kari asked how are other departments are replacing them because of Toledo's concern regarding waste and recycling. Dennis reported there were complaints regarding the size of purchased ones and this one appears to be working and an acceptable solution. It's a lot of work for the Annex. Al reported it costs about \$3.32 to make at the Annex and \$4-\$5 for the pre-packaged. A discussion ensued regarding other products and cost.

Med Shortage – Dr. Lindstrom reported we continue to experience shortage. Fentanyl is on the watch list. We are looking at potential of putting Versed back on the first responders. Dr. Lindstrom with the shortage of Epi pre-injectable, there will be an alternative method of delivery. Dr. Lindstrom said hospitals are in the same "boat". Dr. Lindstrom reported we are also looking at tracking systems for the Versed if it goes back on the first responders.

Zoll – Marty mentioned Zoll charting at Life Flight is the same on the internet as in the tablet and why doesn't the tablet used for the life squads do the same. Brent reported it's a licensed site for Life Flight.

O² - Al reported the State Board of Pharmacy deems O² as a dangerous drug and needs to be locked up. So the O² is locked up at the Annex and the paramedics need to access it with a key.

Students – Kari Gonzalez asked the question about students handling drugs while riding on the life squads. Dr. Lindstrom reported it's the training institution's responsibility to teach the students what they can do or not. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding this along with preceptor's responsibility and qualifications of such.

New Business –

Jennifer Pastor reported there is a neuro doctor by the name of John Whapham who is doing profusion testing for stroke victims. He would like 18 ga started in the right antecubital for the profusion testing. Dr. Lindstrom reported he would need further clarification. Dr. Lindstrom also reported this would be a small subset of patients and once these types of patients come into the hospital, hospital personnel could start this. Dr. Lindstrom said to have him call me.

Open Discussion

Introduction – Dr. Schwerin introduced Dr. Andrew Nyberg a resident on the EMS block.

Nicole Knepper said she was asked by Dr. Kandah to get clarification regarding patients in cardiac arrests and being transported to hospitals. Dr. Lindstrom reported patients being transported by life squads are to be sent to the STEMI hospitals. Patients from nursing homes being transported by other agencies will still go to the closest. Dr. Lindstrom also reported if the paramedics work patients on the scene and there is no viability they are left at the scene.

Tahoe – Al reported the two new Tahoes are in. The vehicles will be striped, lettered radios put in and they should be ready by the end of the month.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, Chief Mullins made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, October 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Lucas County EMS

Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation

Course: Temperature Monitoring/Protocol Updates/Medical Scenarios

Course Dates: June 5,6,7,12,13,14,19,20,21,26 2012

COMMENTS

June 5, 2012

- Do not let Otis and Robert sit together.
- Would be nice if Lucas County did something for the medics during EMS week.
- Rap video sucked.
- I'm hearing there were several items discussed in May CE later in the month not covered in the month or at least a few. Thanks for bringing some interesting but relatively uncommon conditions we might see.
- Have a great summer!
- The usual excellent review.
- Great station

June 6, 2012

- All of the medications we carry on our rigs should be available to "click-on" on the Zoll under Pt "medications" and "Allergies".
- Today was very good. Good info in skill stations.
- Good session.
- Replace the ink cartridge on the printer (or toner as the case may be). Love the "curve balls"
- If you feel the need to complain about other departments on the comment section...at least show us the courtesy of signing your name. Dave Mather
- Very good – very practical
- Check the toner on your copier! Good review

June 7, 2012

- Looking forward to continue being the national EMT-O "tip of the spear."
- Good CE
- CID – With the increase of Styrofoam we are going to generate, is there a plan in place to collect this at each hospital to send off for recycling? This is a huge environmental issue just with CID's.
- Nice job this month – very interesting scenarios
- Good general scenarios
- Nice job, as always – have a great summer
- Good practical stations!

June 12, 2012

- This new probe really doesn't change our treatment of CA patients. It did put a lot of \$ into Physio's pockets.

June 13, 2012

- Station 17 would love a CPAP bag. You can keep our MS and other meds.

- With the month of June being busy with vacations, weather, etc, how about a cath lab during winter months.
- Always break out session are great.
- 30 min for inservice
- Shorter skill station times – overall, excellent as always!
- Liked the music video
- Have a great summer!! Thank you Brent!!
- I think you should look into buying a set of re-usable, cleanable head blocks instead of one time use foam blocks or why can't people just use Ferno's and attach to orange pad or tape down to board. Everyone already has them. Go green!
- Enjoyed CE very much with scenarios.

June 14, 2012

- When Annex brings supplies to stations have them put supplies away!! LCEMS for Life Y.O.L.O.
- Could you have the instructor restate the question so everyone can hear it.
- Thank you for summer break.
- Very good as always. Put MAP equation into ICE protocol for easy reference
- Too much to remember. Take away some things if we are adding so many new protocols.

June 19, 2012

- Kristie & Chad were awesome instructors!! Still don't know why we couldn't stay in one room and do all the scenarios!
- Great CE, I learned a lot.

June 20, 2012

- Sounds like its time for a raise!
- I am going to look into giving up my medic card. Are we here to save lives or do paperwork, inventory and chase down signatures? Everything being dumped on us is not worth the lousy 6%!!!!
- I understand Dystonia is apparently the “new thing” but 20 minutes is a bit excessive. I can read the Wikipedia page on my own. I don't need it read to me word for word! On the same note, however, thanks for trying to change things up!
- Good
- Good CE

June 21, 2012

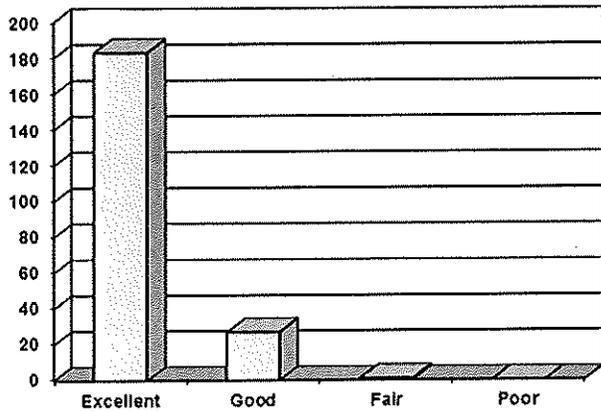
- Stations good review
- Good information
- Very nice. I learn something every time.
- Very good review of uncommon illnesses. 
- Re: invasive temp monitor, why mix inches & centimeters? I have no clue of the length of 2cm, mixing measuring standards can be confusing.
- Great CE!

June 26, 2012

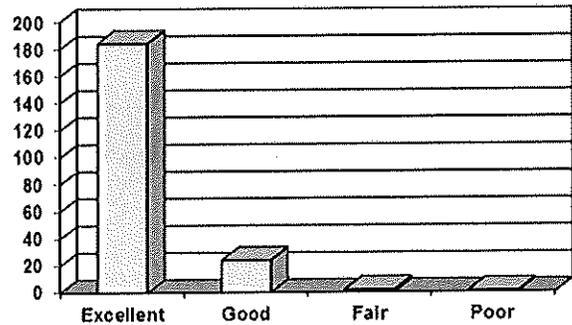
- Good med scenarios
- I have a new found respect for probes.
- Thank you

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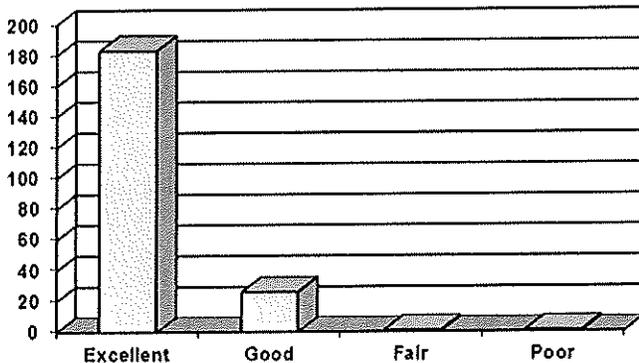
1. The course started on time



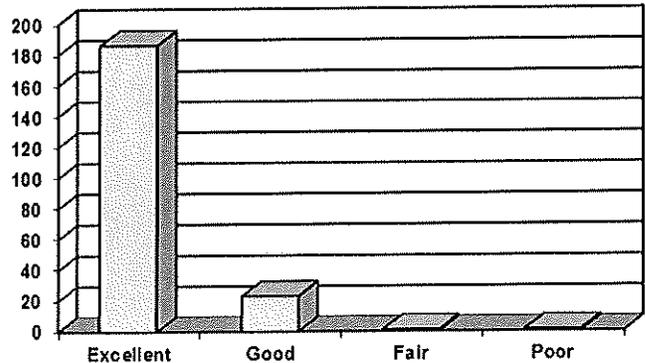
2. Course Objectives were clearly stated



3. Material was presented in an understandable manner



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



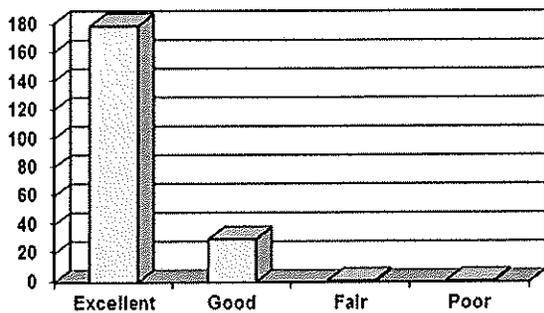
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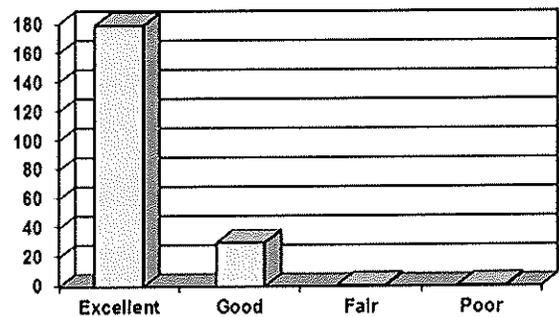
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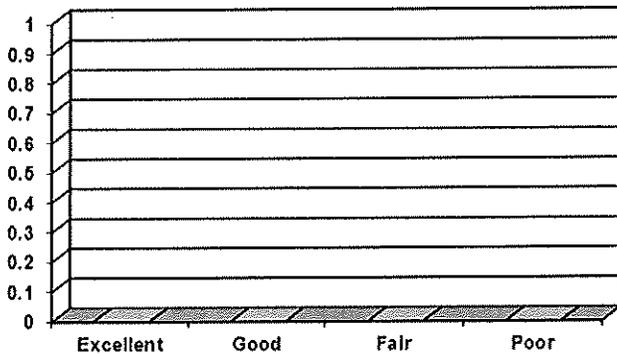
5. The instructor encouraged participation where appropriate



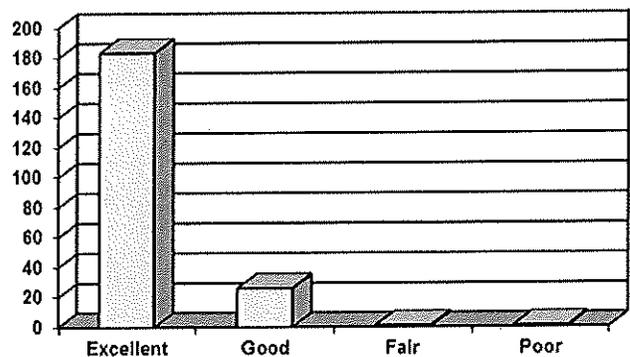
6. Handouts were easy to use and helpful



7. Did the written test reflect the objectives and course content? N/A



8. My overall rating of session?



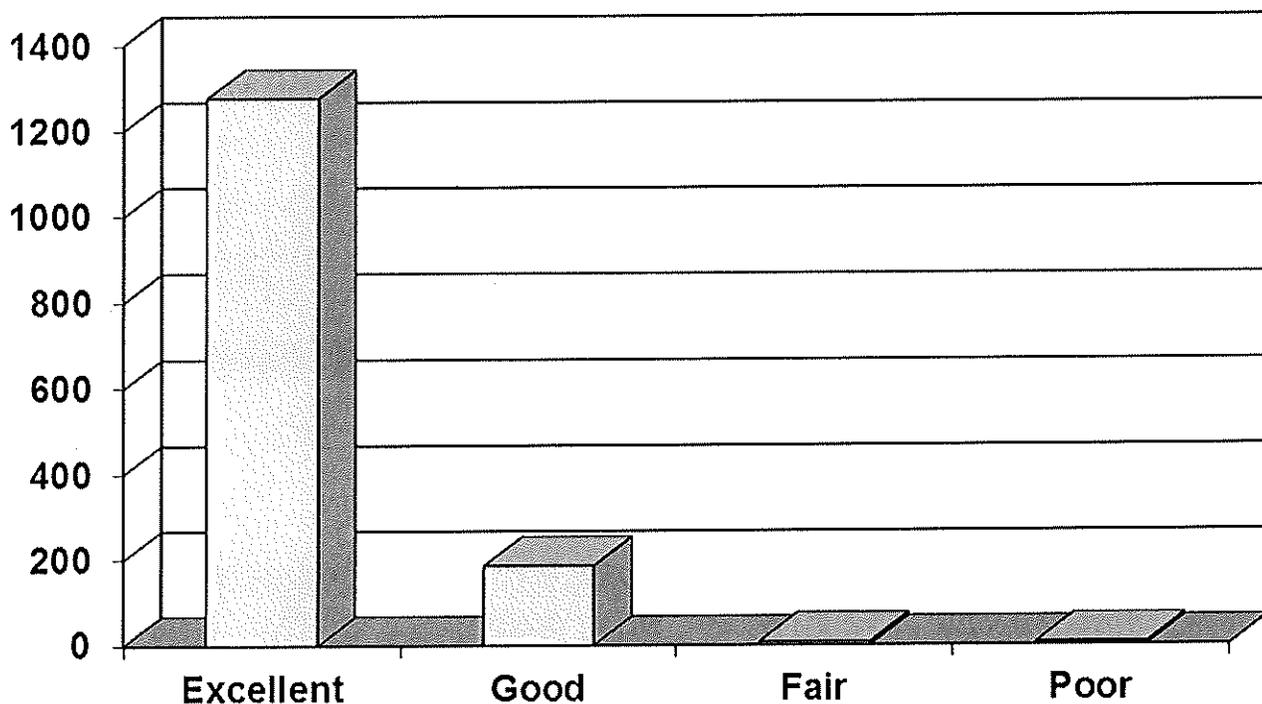
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Summary of All Responses to All Questions



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