

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2013

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Dr. Daniel Schwerin  
John Barnes  
Kim Hood  
Lt. Matthew Viertlbeck  
Richard Ellett  
EMS Chief Martin Fuller  
Brian Dotson  
Chief Mark Mullins  
Chief Rick Helminski  
Nicole Knepper  
Craig Koperski  
Chad Premo  
Jim Fenn  
Loren Boyken

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire  
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital  
180<sup>th</sup> ANGB  
TFD EMS Bureau  
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LS 7 – Maumee Fire  
Whitehouse Fire  
LS 9 – Whitehouse Fire  
Oregon Fire  
Springfield Fire  
MSCH  
LS 6 – Sylvania & Annex  
ProMedica  
Flower Hospital  
LCEMS Dispatch

STAFF

Dennis Cole  
Brent Parquette  
Pat Moomey  
Jon Ziehr

Emergency Services Director  
QA/QI  
Communications Manager  
CE Program Administrator

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS1  
Toledo Fire – LS2  
Toledo Fire - LS3  
Toledo Fire – LS5  
Oregon Fire – LS8  
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 December 10, 2012 meeting were available for review. Mark Mullins made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Rich Ellett. The minutes were approved as written.

## **Training**

Brent reported January's CE topic is pediatrics and OB emergencies. Classes going well. February's CE will be on 12-Lead Review and Thrombolytic Therapy, which is a topic needed to be covered for the State, but won't be used in the field.

## **QA**

No QA, Dr. Lindstrom not in attendance

## **Old Business**

Versed – Brent reported that he and Dr. Lindstrom are working on the first draft protocol to have the drug on the first responders

Etomidate – Brent reported we are still out of Etomidate, but we were told of a company by the name of Heritage Medical Supplies who said they have it, we have to fill out paperwork before we can obtain it.

Fentanyl – Brent reported were still good with this drug.

JEMS Games – Brent reported the team has been selected for the JEMS Games. They are all women. The women are Aislinn Dennis from Springfield, Tammy Ohrt from Toledo, Linda Bennett from Springfield and Nicole Heckman from Toledo.

CPAP – Craig mentioned when life squads come into the annex for changeover, they noticed a larger number of CPAPs on the rig. Craig asked to limit the number on the rig. Squads would come in with 5-6 of them. Keep one in the airway bag and two in the cabinet. Craig also noted paramedics are complaining clips for the head piece are coming off. Craig said to turn the CPAP around in the airway bag.

Brian Dotson mentioned there was a missing blue "T" piece from the CPAP. Craig informed him that one used in the nebulizer can be used in lieu of.

Jon Ziehr asked if the number of blue "T" piece be increased in the lockers. Jon said they are used more than the green ones.

Power Lift Cots – Kim Hood reported Toledo Fire now has the Power Lock system in all their rescue units. She said they are easy to use. She said they are rated to lift a 750 pound patient. They carry a 3 year warranty.

Craig asked when is Lucas County going to purchase these cots. Chief Kowalski suggested that we wait a few months to see how they work for Toledo.

Nicole Knepper reported St. Charles just went through their re verification for trauma. A weakness they had was not having a run report for some of their charts and it was not on the web. Nicole asked for a contact person for future reference.

Rich Ellett asked for an updated physician list for the Zoll. Brent reported this is done once a year.

Dr. Schwerin asked if the run reports could be dumped into their Epic Software System. Dave Reamy reported Zoll is looking at doing this. Dennis said it would be best if the hospital made the push.

Rick Helminski mentioned the new ETI system and putting run information into that program and the problem of not being able to print a copy.

Rich Ellett inquired into the Signature Error Report and not understanding what the errors were with the signatures. It was reported their needs to be an explanation why the patient did not sign. Brent asked Dave Reamy to put in a Close Call Rule which would make the paramedics put in a reason before the chart is complete.

### **New Business**

Jon Ziehr brought up the issue of spinal immobilization and the switch this past summer to making our own head blocks. Jon said the Annex personnel would cut out the foam with a hot knife this would leave sharp edges after cutting. This would be uncomfortable with patients having tee shirts or a light weight top. Jon said that the county is looking at laser cutting. Jon also passed around an immobilization device entitled Dispos-O-Bag™, Head-On™ system as an option to use. Zon cited the Annex is getting low on the devices they make.

Rick Helminski asked for a cost the county is spending annually on CIDs. Rick reported that some time ago paramedics were using the Ferno. It was reported the Fernos cost \$76.00 a set.

Rich Ellett made a motion to purchase the Head-On system, which was seconded by Brian Dotson. Motion carried.

Kim Hood gave an update on the new cot reporting she spoke with Jillian from Stryker. The cot is expandable for patient surface modification. Kim said Stryker will be coming out with a “T” position rail system in March, but it will have a different cost.

### **Open Discussion**

Rescue 24 – Loren Boykin asked for Toledo Fire’s policy on dispatching Rescue Ambulance 24. Loren reported patients wait an excessive amount of time.

Lt. Viertelbeck reported Rescue 24 is dispatched to the inner city to share the workload. There has been discussion regarding this issue within the department.

Loren cited an incident where 24’s was dispatched to 615 Cherry Street and waiting 24 minutes

for them to get there. Then there was a run dispatched to Erie Street in the meantime and 6's took the run and beat 24's to the hospital.

Rich Ellett inquired about the county using private services for a life squad and asked if it is standard for the private ambulance to have two paramedics.

Pat Moomey reported no. If we have to go to using the privates we try to get dual paramedics but this doesn't always happen.

Loren asked if a life squad is on scene and they ask for an ALS ambulance and there is a paramedic with the first response does life squads have to stay on scene until the ALS comes on scene. Loren asked if that was necessary if there is a paramedic there.

Brent reported the life squad is responsible for the patient while on scene. This issue needs to be brought up with Dr. Lindstrom.

Criag asked why we don't have compliance for paramedic sign on in the CAD. Loren said Dispatch has no way of knowing if a paramedic is on a rescue, engine or a truck.

Bariatric cot – Brent reported the County took delivery of a bariatric cot. Brent said we are currently working on a procedure for its use. The weight it can hold when it is in the bottom position, 1600 pounds, half way up, 800 pounds. Brent said during business hours, Annex personnel can deliver it, after hours a crew would have to be sent to get it. The cot was purchased to be used as a last resort.

Conference – Dr. Schwerin reported he attended the NAEMSP (National Association of EMS Physicians) conference. Dr. Schwerin said there were a lot of topics and concepts brought up, such as Community Paramedicine, change in cardiac arrest including continuous CPR and not performing intubation until the 4-6 minute marks, Pit crew theory with cardiac arrest and performing duties and potential change with Medicare/Medicaid billing, looking at outcome measures.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.