

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2013

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski
John Barnes
Lt. Kirk Keane
Kim Hood
Captain Mark Benadum
Craig Koperski
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Rich Ellett
District Chief Mark Mullins - Training
Nicole Knepper
Chad Premo

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire
180th ANGB
TFD EMS Bureau
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Sylvania Fire – LS6
LS 9 - Whitehouse Fire
LS7 – Maumee Fire
Oregon Fire
MSCH
ProMedica

STAFF

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

Emergency Services Director
Medical Director
QA/QI
CE Program Administrator
Communications Manager

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS1
Dan Desmond
Toledo Fire - LS3
Toledo Fire – LS4
Toledo Fire – LS5
Oregon Fire – LS8
Lt. Brian Dotson
Springfield Fire – LS10
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

LS2 – Toledo Fire

LS 9 – Whitehouse Fire

Chief Charles Flack

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from May 13th meeting were available for review. A motion was made by Mark Mullin to accept the minutes which was seconded by Craig Koperski. The minutes were approved as written.

Training

Brent reported the comments from May's CE were available to review. Brent pointed out they were worth reading. Brent also mentioned it was a controversial month. Also in May's CE, the paramedics were introduced to the CAT tourniquet. Brent reported June's CE is on trauma and classes will be held outside with weather permitting. The classes have been well received.

Chief Mullins reported Oregon had the CAT tourniquet for only three days when it got used. He said it was used on a patient with a fistula.

QA

Dr. Lindstrom reported he covered a number of things at CE, but there are no issues at this time. Dr. Lindstrom reported there will be a QA meeting with the dispatch.

Old Business

Drug Shortages – Dr. Lindstrom reported Fentanyl is on the “bubble” again. D5W at the hospitals are borderline, but the County is okay. Atropine and Epi on are on the radar.

Brent reported he is working on the Versed protocol and should be going out in the next couple of days. Dr. Lindstrom reported the nuance with the volunteer stations is that they do not have a paramedic every day, so they will have to do inventory on training days or when there is a paramedic on duty.

Power Lift System – Dennis reported the county is moving forward with the Power Life system, but we have to figure out the dynamics and it is not on the bid sheets.

New Business

LUCAS – Jon reported the LUCAS was used on a patient in v-fib and when the patient was at the hospital it was kept on all the way to the CATH lab. The only noted injury on the patient was a small hematoma on the chest. Brent reported the CirQlator was used on the patient as well and the device did what it was suppose to.

Tab 800 Traumatic Cardiac Arrest Protocol – Dr. Lindstrom reported that a change is being implemented in the trauma arrest protocol. Dr. Lindstrom said he had a discussion with Dr. Patrick, Lucas County Coroner, as it relates to on-scene termination. Dr. Patrick was not comfortable with moving a patient to the rig to perform measures and pronouncing the patient. He said the paramedics are committed to transport the patient once they are in the rig. Dr. Lindstrom reported the real emphasis is for the paramedics to take a second look to make sure the patient has a pulse. All patients in trauma arrest requiring transport shall be transported to a Level 1 or Level 2 Trauma Center.

Open Discussion

Rigs – Rich Ellett inquired about the ordering cycle for new rigs. He asked if there was a committee to review the configuration of the box. Dennis report no. Rich said he would like to see the cooler and warming drawer removed from the walkway. Dennis reported it was discussed and it was decided not to have it done and the new rigs are on order. Dennis suggested submitting a list that he would like changed. Discussion of the cooling system and heater and pass through. Craig mentioned one of the County rigs is an AEV and it has a different configuration.

Marty mentioned Whitehouse just ordered a truck with dual controls for the lights and that would be something he would like to see added to new rigs.

Rig Suspension – Rich reported LS7s having a suspension problem. He said patients are complaining of the ride. Rich said the garage has made adjustments. Is there a way to improve the ride. Dennis reported there is not much more that can be done.

Radios – The discussion of headsets in the new vehicles. Discussion concerning dual radios (fire & EMS) coming through the headsets.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, August 12th at 9:00 a.m.