

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2014

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski
Chief Rick Helminski
Lt. Kirk Keane
Captain Mark Benadum
Paul Johnson
Rich Ellett
Rod Standiford
Nicole Knepper

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire
Springfield Fire
TFD EMS Bureau
TFD EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire
Maumee Fire – LS7
Sylvania Fire – LS6
St. Charles Mercy Hospital

STAFF

Dr. David Lindstrom
Pat Moomey
Brent Parquette
Jon Ziehr
Aislinn Charlton-Dennis
Ralph Shearn
Loren Boykin

LCEMS Medical Director
ES/EMA Director
QA/QI
LCEMS CE Administrator/LS10
LCEMS CE Administrator/LS10
LCEMS Dispatch Manager
LCEMS Dispatcher

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS1
Toledo Fire –LS2
Toledo Fire - LS3
Toledo Fire – LS4
Toledo Fire – LS5
Jeff Hibbard
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Chief Charles Flack

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 am by Chief Kowalski.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the May 12, 2014 meeting were available for review. There was no meeting in June. The minutes were approved as written.

Training

Brent reported the paramedics were off for the summer. Recap of May's CE was on environmental emergencies and case review with Dr. Lindstrom. June's CE was on trauma and the use of the iTClamp. Brent reported the clamp has been used once to date. September's CE is on pediatrics. The paramedics will have CE in October and November with no CE in December.

QA

Dr. Lindstrom reported he has had a couple of individual cases which he goes over with the command and the individual paramedics. It's mostly compliance with protocol.

Old Business

Vacuum Mattress – Chief Helminski asked if there has been good feedback from the vacuum mattresses. Dr. Lindstrom reported all the feedback has been positive. Storage is the only issue. Brent reported with the new vehicles coming in, they are configured to have storage for them. Also, Brent said they will be staying with the Hartwells as they would be compatible with the rest of the splints. The question was raised about the time frame for implementation. Dennis reported they are budgeted in the 2015 budget.

Rich Ellett made a motion to proceed purchasing the Hartwell vacuum mattresses, which was seconded by Rick Helminski. Motion approved.

Rick Helminski asked about protocols regarding spinal immobilization and the vacuum mattress. Dr. Lindstrom reported we have to figure out a process for the protocol because it will have to deal with everyone in the county first responders and those coming in from another county and interchange.

New Business

Cooling Collars - Brent gave a recap of how the process started. Brent reported the collar was re-designed and sent out again to LS 4,5,6 and 7. They updated the paramedics on it's use. With the use of just the collar and not chilled saline he is tracking tympanic temperatures over the summers. Brent said he has received 12 completed evaluations and missing 4 or 5. This is due to rotating personnel and not being used on Toledo's rigs. Brent reported the average drop of temperature of .8 degree with the use of the collar and hopes to continue with it's use. A discussion ensued regarding the use of the collar, side effects of the use of chilled saline as well as the process and costs.

Equipment – Rick Heminski asked if there is any new equipment put on the budget for 2015. Dr. Lindstrom reported the Lactate monitoring devices.

Open Discussion

CAD/ePCR - Rich Ellett asked about the capability of auto populate data transfer from the CAD to the ePCR tablet. Brent reported the interface is being worked on for this and maybe by the end of the year.

LS11 – Paul Johnson asked if LS11 will be added. Dennis reported not at this time. Paul mentioned it was implemented before when the bridge was being built. Dennis reported Toledo added the vehicle. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the use of private ambulances, availability of such, the increased volume, first response capability, utilization of resources and staffing.

Wall of Honor - The Wall of Honor program is Tuesday, September 09, 2014.

Press Conference – Chief Kowalski reported Sylvania is having a press conference September 9th at number 1 Fire station regarding the levy campaign of 1.5 mill levy for operation.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, October 20th at 9:00 am.