

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2015

**PRESENT**

Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Captain Mark Benadum  
Lt. Kirk Keane  
Rich Ellett  
Assistant Fire Chief John Barnes  
Greg Szumigala  
Kristin Calkins  
Deanna Monanaro

**REPRESENTING**

Sylvania Twp. Fire  
TFD EMS Bureau  
TFD EMS Bureau  
Maumee Fire – LS7  
Air Guard Fire  
Toledo Fire – LS5  
UTMC – EC  
UTMC - EC

**STAFF**

Dennis Cole	Emergency Services Director
Brent Parquette	QA/QI
Dr. David Lindstrom	Medical Director
Aislinn Charlton-Dennis	Springfield Fire/LCEMs CE Administrator

**ABSENT**

Toledo Fire – LS1	
Toledo Fire –LS2	
Toledo Fire - LS3	
Toledo Fire – LS4	
Sylvania Fire – LS6	Rod Standiford
Oregon Fire – LS8	
Whitehouse Fire – LS9	Jeff Hibbard
Jerusalem Twp. 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 the November 10, 2014 meeting were available for review. John Barnes made a motion to accept the minutes which were seconded by Captain Mark Benadum. The minutes were approved as written.

**Training**

Brent reported the compiled CE comments from November CE were available to read. Brent reported the comments from the Ebola training showed it was well received. January's CE will be spent on the spinal immobilization protocol and the first class went well. Brent reported there will be two Train The Trainer classes February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of two hour blocks for the fire departments.

## QA

Dr. Lindstrom reported there are occasional cases of various departments with no particular trends to report.

## Old Business

LS11 – Greg Szumigala asked again about the status of LS11. Dennis said there was nothing to report that it was in Chief Santiago's hands.

## New Business

Advanced Specialty Hospitals – Greg Szumigala asked about response to specialty hospitals and the transporting of patients to a primary hospital. A discussion of these types of hospitals and the calling of 9-1-1 to transport and EMTALA violations.

Inter hospital transports – Greg Szumigala reported Flower had a walk-in STEMI and asked us (LS) if we could transport the patient to Toledo Hospital. Greg said they asked Dispatch to be told no.

Dennis reported we can't do hospital to hospital transports. Dennis said we would not get reimbursed.

A discussion of criteria and bypassing hospitals and time management.

HAZMAT – Greg Szumigala reported Toledo Fire held a paramedic course Hazmat IQ. One of the medications brought up in the course was the Cyanokit. Greg said it is for cyanide poisoning and it is FDA approved. Greg said our protocol for cyanide poisoning is O<sup>2</sup> therapy and support. Greg asked if this medication could be considered.

Dr. Lindstrom reported this is the state of the art drug for cyanide poisoning. Dr. Lindstrom reported there are a number of departments that carry the drug. Dr. Lindstrom said he was not sure how it is carried and the expense of it \$750-800 a dose. Chief Kowalski said he would bring it up at the next Fire Chief's meeting.

## Open Discussion

Safety Pad - Brent reported we are currently looking at Safety Pad another ePCR tablet. Brent said his goal is to be all responding departments on the same platform so a report could be seen from start to finish. Brent said he would like all the departments to look at it. He said there is a webinar on the product to view. Brent said he just wanted the committee aware that we are looking.

Dennis mentioned the QA portion of it and that hospitals could look at incomplete reports.

ALS/BLS – Deanna Montanaro introduced herself and that she was the EC nursing director from UTMC. Deanna wanted an explanation of the difference between patients brought in that are BLS or ALS citing an incident where a patient came in BLS with a stab wound to the chest.

Dr. Lindstrom said the paramedics follow guidelines given by the doctor and or nurse as well as their protocols.

Brent explained that LCEMS has two paramedics on each truck.

Deanna also cited an incident where an unresponsive overdose came in.

Dr. Lindstrom reported if a patient is an overdose that is unresponsive they are to go ALS. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Microwave phone – Deanna reported UTMC was having issues with their microwave radio not working, along with St. Charles and Toledo. Dennis reported it is being worked on. He said they are trying to adapt two technologies.

Hospital Refusal – Rich Ellett asked if hospitals have a right to refuse a patient citing an incident. Dr. Lindstrom said the simple answer is yes. Dr. Lindstrom also reported the fire chief met with the hospital personnel in which they said they over reacted and they agreed it was correct to have the patient taken to their facility.

Air Guard – Aislinn reported LS10 responded to the Toledo Express property on a cardiac arrest and they requested the air guard to respond due to the bad weather and Swanton Fire was dispatched. She said she did not know if the Air Guard was dispatched or not and they don't always know.

It was reported the airport has a contract with Swanton Fire and the baggage department is under Monclova Twp Fire. If the Port Authority is aware of the incident they dispatch the Air Guard.

John Barnes reported the Air Guard is enhancing their dispatch and they are getting there.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

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

**Primary Questions – ON ALL CALLS [ NOT required on ACCINJ, etc]**

1. Does s/he have a fever? [100.4 f / 38.5 c]
2. Has s/he traveled to Africa?
  - 2a. [if YES] To either Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Senegal, Liberia or Republic of the Congo?
3. Has s/he had any contact with a known Ebola patient?
4. Has s/he had any contact with a person who traveled to Africa?

Any **positive responses** from the questions **will result with the information being entered into the CAD incident as a shared comment [EMS/FIRE/LAW].**

Level 1 PPE [enter shared comment] **“Fever without travel and without patient contact”**

Continue with correct EMD Protocol Card

**IF**

Level 2 PPE [enter shared comment] **“Fever with travel to West Africa but without patient contact”**

Level 3 PPE [enter shared comment] **“Fever and direct contact with known Ebola source “**

Continue with EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE SURVEILANCE TOOL Protocol Card

**EMS will also place a call to the closest appropriate med control facility and advise them of the same information \*\*\* WHEN A LEVEL 2 OR LEVEL 3 PPE \*\*\***

Lucas County EMS  
Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation  
Course: Ebola preparation/PPE  
Course Dates: Nov 4,5,6,12,13,18,19,20,25,26, 2014

## COMMENTS

### Nov 4, 2014

- Little late, but still useful
- Very good. Thank you.
- If Hazmat is going to respond – why are we going through this? Good review for donning/doffing suits in case Hazmat isn't avail. Video was thorough.
- Awesome! Thank you.
- Need updated equip ASAP!!!
- Thank you!
- Great hands on training!
- Thank you! P.S. use drones to treat Ebola pt's
- Great review of procedures/

### Nov 5, 2014

- Level 2 should be fever and any air travel. They do not have to travel to Africa to have a contact on a plane in the U.S. while traveling. Could sit next to an exposed pt while flying.
- Great class, cleared up a lot of questions.

### Nov 6, 2014

- Good
- Good training
- Great informative training. Well put together
- This was a good training session to have a place in plan if something happens. We need to continue to stay on top of this and be ready if nec.
- I think everybody donning + doffing worked better than the initial plan of 3 only.
- Good procedure review
- Glad for the current event overview.

### Nov 12, 2014

- Good stuff – love the hands-on!
- Another excellent CE. We definitely needed this! Thanks
- As always excellent!! I am fortunate to have the best educators – THANK YOU I really appreciate the time you spend to prepare us & keep us safe.
- Nice refresher!
- Nice training as always
- The simulation using actual suits and gloves helps to reinforce the proper method.
- Great job! Doug Allen TPD Gang Unit
- Place pt. in body bag?? To contain?

### **Nov 13, 2014**

- Cooling vests a possibility for under suits? Second towel to wipe off excess disinfectant off mask, so it does not drip into exposed skin when neck tape is removed.
- Good information!!
- OK

### **Nov 18, 2014**

- Removing the hoods of the Tyvek suits will be a contamination point. Each member had the outside of the suit touch their ears and/or head. Additionally spraying of the hands following removing tape, and before taking hoods off, may be warranted.
- Everyone needs their own mask.
- Nice!
- Good class, needed the review
- Ebola runs = Code 2 private ALS
- Look in to "SKY LIFT system to have in ER's with disposable lift sheets for patients that cannot move themselves over.
- Much needed practice
- Create a less busy command script for doffing and laminate it. Use large font size.

### **Nov 19, 2014**

- Good training on donning & doffing. A little more at ease.
- I suggest that during the doffing process, the responders hand should be sprayed/disinfected after each time. They touch their partners suit, because risk of contamination is so large during the doffing process. Also, have you researched using UV light to decon providers bodies after decon/doffing of PPE?
- Good class

### **Nov 20, 2014**

- If chiefs are going to attend CE on duty, could they please be taken out of service so they can turn their radio off? It's very distracting.
- Since we haven't gone over this equip. since we received it in 2004, it was a good retraining. Tammy O. was the best!
- Would like to see people on duty with radios on maybe use a radio with an earpiece. Distracting listening to dispatches during CE
- I feel very prepared to handle an Ebola situation. The video was very good!
- Good CE. Happy to be Ebola free!
- Important response to serious problem.

### **Nov 25, 2014**

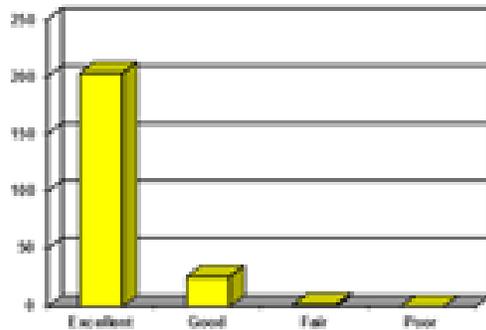
- Good practical drills

**Nov 26, 2014**

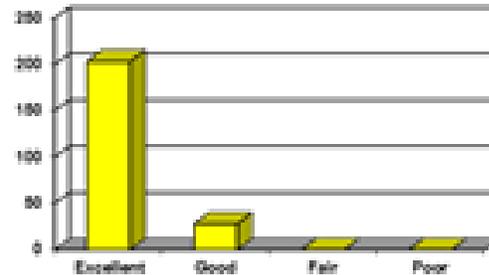
- I want to know who's voice that is on the YouTube Video?
- Great training Thanks!

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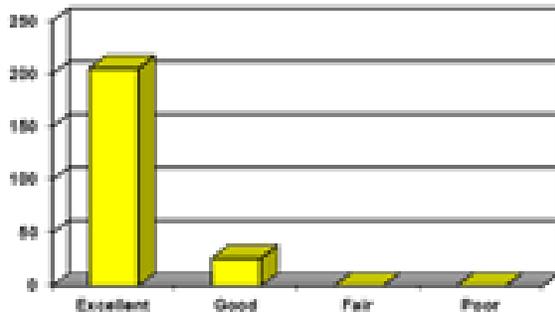
1. The course started on time



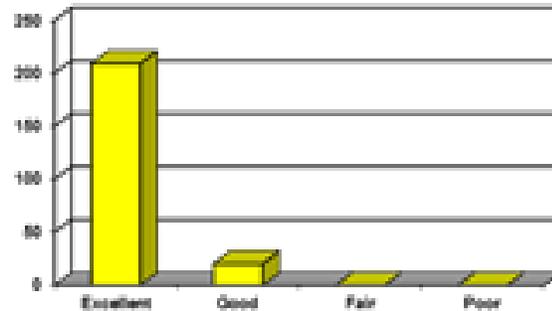
2. Course Objectives were clearly stated



3. Material was presented in an understandable manner



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



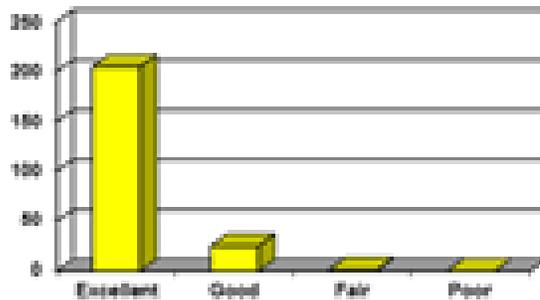
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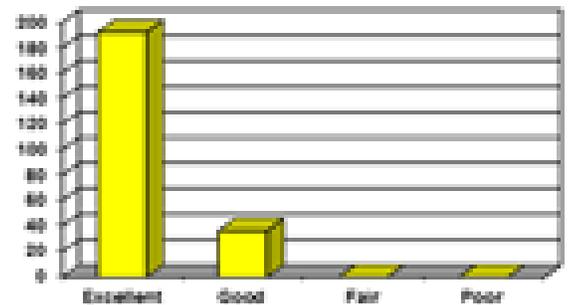
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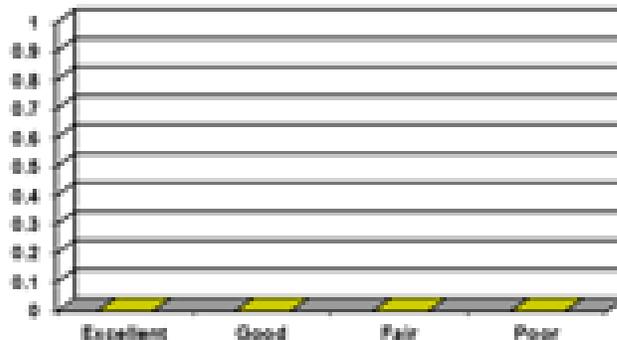
6. The instructor encouraged participation where appropriate



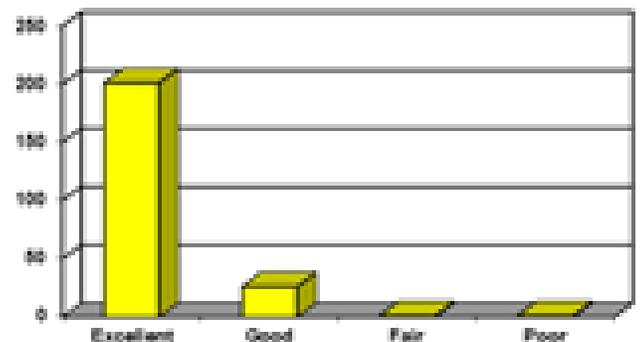
8. Handouts were easy to use and helpful



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



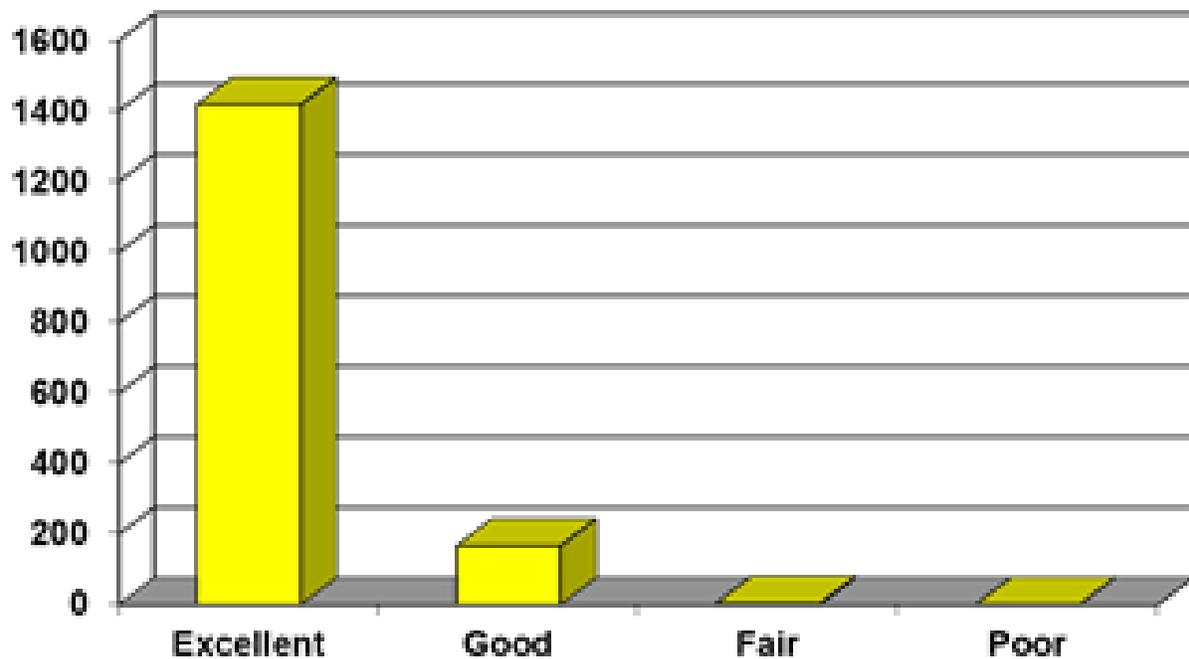
9. My overall rating of session?



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**Summary of All Responses to All Questions**



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