

**Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2016**

**Attendance**

Dennis Cole  
Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Nicholas Simon  
Loren Boykin  
Greg Szumigala  
Brent Parquette  
Chad Boren  
Emily Medina  
Kirk Keane  
Greg Bonfiglio  
Marlene Metti  
Dominic Diterlizzi  
Ralph Shearn  
Aaron Stoanoski  
Paul Johnson  
Tyler Trease

**Representing:**

Lucas County Emergency Services  
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department  
Toledo Fire and Rescue  
Lucas County EMS Dispatch  
Toledo Fire and Rescue  
Lucas County EMS  
Whitehouse Fire  
Mercy St Vincent Medical Center  
Toledo Fire and Rescue  
Lucas County Emergency Services  
Toledo Fire and Rescue Life Squad 3  
Toledo Fire and Rescue Life Squad 3  
Lucas County EMS  
Toledo Fire and Rescue Life Squad 1  
Toledo Fire and Rescue Life Squad 5  
Toledo Fire and Rescue

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Kowalski at 9:01 a.m.

**Minute Approval**

With no changes or corrections minutes are approved as posted.

**Training**

Brent Parquette commented recent training on obstetrics and gynecology emergencies; childbirth/labor, gynecological/obstetrical emergency, and neonatal pediatric resuscitation. Future education topics include burns. Brent added that "active shooter" training will likely change the schedule for April and May sessions. A review of do not resuscitate (DNR) procedures was also discussed.

**Old Business**

**Mobile Data Computer**

Greg Szumigala inquired why Life Squad mobile data computers unexpectedly shut down when vehicles are started. Dennis Cole commented that new Life Squads, now housed at Sylvania Fire Station 1 and Toledo Fire and Rescue Station 3 are equipped with capacitors that should eliminate this problem.

**Mobile Stroke Unit**

Tyler Trease requested an update of mobile stroke unit (MSU). Dennis Cole informed the Committee this unit's primary location is Richfield Township Fire station but will roam to other locations on an as-needed basis. Dennis added 22 calls for service with four (4) transports have been made. The MSU is equipped with cutting edge mobile communication systems.

## **New Business**

### **Domestic Violence Calls**

Nicholas Simon requested additional information why Life Squad personnel are sometimes unaware of a change in incident type that could endanger the welfare of EMS paramedics arriving on scene. Ralph Shearn said he is aware of the particular case and explained the sequence of changing events that caused this miscommunication.

### **Naloxone (Narcan)**

Information was requested regarding naloxone, which is now available in Ohio without a prescription, but yet not available to first responder medic units. Toledo Fire administration is currently evaluating opioid overdose policy for first responders.

### **Pagers**

Dennis Cole informs the Committee that pager testing continues at Life Squad Station(s) 1, 4, & 8. System-wide deployment is on schedule for 2016.

### **12 Lead EKG (ECG)**

Brent requested that medics ensure 12 lead ECG are properly connected to electronic patient care reporting (EPCR) devices.

### **ResQpod**

Brent discussed issues surrounding "stone heart syndrome" and requested feedback regarding frequency of patients that experience pulmonary edema related to ResQpod treatment.

### **Cyanokit**

Brent solicited comments regarding this compound drug. Discussion ensued.

## **Adjournment**

Paramedic Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

## **Next Meeting**

Next Paramedic Committee meeting will be held on March 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.