

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2016

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Captain Mark Benadum  
Lt. Kirk Keane  
Chief Rick Helminski  
Deanna Montanaro  
Greg Szumigala  
Kate Brown  
Kris Allen  
Nicholas Simon  
Marlene Metti  
Kyle Newland  
Dr. Daniel Schwerin  
Richard Ellett  
Christine Davis

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire  
TFD EMS Bureau  
TFD EMS Bureau  
Springfield Fire  
UTMC  
Toledo Fire – LS11  
Toledo Fire – LS2  
Toledo Fire – LS3  
Toledo Fire – LS5  
Toledo Fire – LS4  
Toledo Fire – LS11  
NWOEMS  
Maumee Fire – LS7  
St. Charles Hospital - Trauma

STAFF

Dennis Cole  
Brent Parquette  
Dr. David Lindstrom  
Ralph Shearn  
Jon Ziehr  
Loren Boykin

Emergency Services Director  
QA/QI  
Medical Director  
LCEMS Dispatch Manager  
LCEMS/LS10  
LCEMS - Dispatch

ABSENT

Sylvania Fire – LS6  
Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
Oregon Fire – LS8  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Rod Standiford  
Jeff Hibbard  
Chief Charles Flack

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Chief Kowalski.

**Minute Approval**

The minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting were available for review. Two corrections were noted, (1) Chad Born was representing Monclova Fire and (2) the time the meeting was called to order should read 9:01 a.m. With those changes, Captain Benadum made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Marlene Metti. The minutes were then approved.

## **Training**

Brent reported the compiled CE comments and graphs from February were available to read. Brent reported March will have the Hand Tavy System. Brent also mentioned the eight hour Rescue Task Force (RTF) training that was to occur in April and May has been changed for Active Shooter. It will be a four hour session in June. No CE July and August. The rest of CE for the year will be in September, October and November. Brent reported once law enforcement aligns up between our schedule and theirs, we will add the additional four hours.

Dennis reported that law enforcement was unable to support RTF training at this time because of their mandated training requirements. Dennis said we will give familiarization of the equipment. When law enforcement support becomes available, we will marry up the paramedic and law enforcement teams to complete the training. It will be prudent to have the protective equipment on the life squad for its use if needed. Chief Helminski noted that some law enforcement agency may choose to initiate the training yet this year.

## **Old Business**

MDT – Greg Szumigla reported it has been hit or miss on the LS 2 & 11 MDT shutting off when starting the vehicle. Dennis said we will have the capacitor retrofits on these vehicles looked at.

## **New Business**

Psychiatric beds – Deanna Montanaro said there is a psychiatric bed problem, citing the twenty-four (24) hold. She said there are only adult psychiatric beds at Flower and St. Charles Hospital. She asked if the county considered a diversion program for psychiatric patients. Dr. Lindstrom said no, that most of the patients get to the hospitals via the private mode and a very small percentage is from EMS. Dr. Lindstrom said we don't track psychiatric status asking if there is an acceptable criteria for paramedics to choose, and the probability of admission. A suggestion was made to bring this up at the fire chief's meeting, since the majority of patients that are transported go BLS or by law enforcement. Chief Kowalski reported when they get involved in a psychiatric case it is usually through the police and they want the patient medically cleared.

D.A.R.T (Drug Abuse Response Team) Program – Deanna reported they met with legal to consider using and violating HIPAA. They have the patient sign a consent and they are allowed to give demographic information to law enforcement.

Loren reported when the type code of OD is put in CAD, it is flagged via law enforcement.

Life Squad dispatched – Kate Brown brought up the issue of a couple of dispatches LS2 was sent on citing a couple of instances where they were closer to an address and LS4 was sent even though LS 2 was closer but being dispatched to a different area, one being a cardiac arrest.

Ralph explained that on the first run LS2 was already enroute and it was a judgement call. The second instance it was handled internally, due to the fact the person was new.

### **Open Discussion**

Narcan – Kyle Newland discussed field situations with home/family member or friend use of Narcan where the patient and/or witnesses denies overdosing and is alert and oriented and refuses to be transport. What should the paramedics do?

Dr. Lindstrom reported if the story is true, there is only a half-life of Narcan and the patient should be transported.

A discussion of signing AMA and the patient not being able to do it. It was mentioned to give the patient the option if he refuses to be transported to have law enforcement be involved.

The scenario of a person takes pills and denies. Dr. Lindstrom said if the data is reliable, the patient is to be transported.

Greg Szumigala asked if they go by law enforcement, where do they take them. Dr. Lindstrom reported to a hospital to get medically cleared.

A lengthy discussion regarding different types of overdose cases and the sharing of PHI with law enforcement. Kyle asked if this could be touched on in CE. Dr. Lindstrom reported he is teaching in CE in May and topics to be submitted for him.

Chief Helminski said when in doubt, have law enforcement on scene.

Discussion ensued and Dennis recommended that we get a legal opinion from the Prosecutor's Office

MSU – Chief Helminski asked for any experiences regarding the MSU. Chief Kowalski reported they have had a number of interactions and a lot of bumps, but it has been somewhat smooth.

Dennis reported they had a meeting with the personnel from the MSU and they went over a few things. One of the conversations dealt with the length of time on scene. Dr. Lindstrom reported they are doing more on scene actively working on the patient. He said at this point we are comfortable with this.

A discussion on how it affects RACE patients. Also the length of time for the MSU takes to get a RACE patient to the hospital versus the life squad.

Jon Ziehr reported on his experience while working on LS10 and calling them to the scene. Jon cited there was a significant delay for them finding the address, a delay caused by telemedicine technical issues and the MSU doing patient registration on scene before transporting to the hospital.

There was discussion on the patient/family perception of how many vehicles are on-scene and why the patient isn't being transported in a timely manner to a hospital.

Dr. Schwerin explained they do the registration on scene so radiology can look and see if they have previous x-rays of any kind but understands the field perceptions

A discussion regarding the MSU ensued.

Dennis suggested to the paramedics to bring in their field experience with the MSU to these meetings

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Lucas County EMS  
Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation  
Course: Burn Care/Geriatrics/Medical Scenarios  
Course Dates: February 2,3,4,9,10,11,16,17,18, 23, 2016

## COMMENTS

### February 2, 2016

- Handouts hard to read, but no prob on overhead.
- Like the shorter stations.
- Good session

### February 3, 2016

- Good idea to cover what to do for a firefighter who is “hot” coming out of a fire. What we can do to prevent burns in a fire to a firefighter. Can we get the newer temple thermometers?
- Great to practice with equipment rarely used.

### February 4, 2016

- 15 minute sessions are AWESOME!!
- Ace more volume on lectures. Hard to hear
- Good skills stations
- Lectures were on point as always, 7 hands on stations are a bit much though
- Second instructor was hard to hear (area)
- Jon Z did a great job! Very informative. Ace → Great case of the month → Paramedic treatment outstanding!
- Nice job – good info. Thanks
- Please tell Shawn Wittkop to stop talking down to newer or younger “green” paramedics!

### February 9, 2016

- Some of the print in the handouts is too small to read.
- Speak up a little. Otherwise, fine job with a tough subject.
- Important topics and good review. Thanks
- Look forward to St. Patty’s graphics next month to “kick off” class; it’s a nice touch to offset the drudgery that can be CE (esp w/I the first few minutes). Also, “cool” volcanic images adding some pizazz to our otherwise mundane slides!!
- Very informative and good review over burn/geriatric care/treatment.

### February 10, 2016

- Good to see case of month back! Tough subjects to make interesting – dry material, hard to pay attention. Slides w/handouts very hard to read
- Very little new info – Nature of the beast this month
- Burn handout too small to read.
- Ace needs to speak up
- Informative lectures!
- Made both sessions enjoyable
- Good lecture & skills station

- Breakout sessions are the best
- OK

### **February 11, 2016**

- Liked how groups were broken up.
- Great class! This teach always keeps our attention. Very well presented.
- Great job as usual!
- Provide the County protocol app for free along w/the new Peds app.

### **February 16, 2016**

- Love the lectures! Great 15 min. stations.
- Great job by all  
Need to consider taking GMES course for the whole system. I believe Tim Christman @ St. Vs is an instructor. Would be a worthwhile program.
- Good info as a refresher – geriatrics was good review!

### **February 17, 2016**

- Nice!
- OMG! This was torture. Maybe the Jeopardy Game would have made this less torture. I'm sure if you did the stats in the game, we'd do lousy but, geez, maybe we'd want to stick knives in our eyes.
- Chief Krause radio going off constantly is a huge distraction! Please wear an ear piece or go on separate channel for contact.

### **February 18, 2016**

- Please keep us in our own groups to breakouts. Don't like to train with people we don't work with. More 0900-1300 times.
- Way too much tech info on burns
- Some font on handouts difficult to read
- Good job
- As always, information was good to review. Helps w/revisiting the information. Handouts always good to follow. Especially in color.
- Great as always. Thanks! I heard Ace just fine!
- What about splitting up lectures by putting skill station in between. Lecture/skills/lecture. Just an idea.
- Love the color handouts!
- Include some video
- Spectacular lectures! Thank you

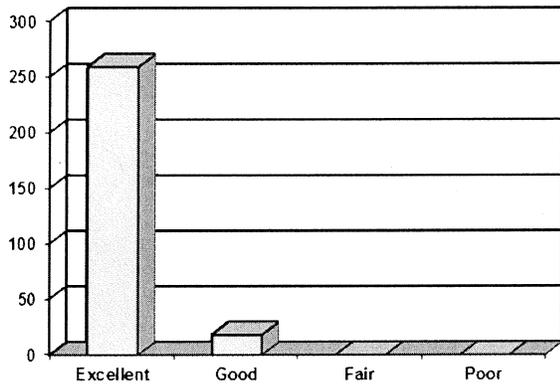
### **February 23, 2016**

- Thanks for printing out the lecture – helps stay on track
- I recommend stopping the handouts in an effort to save paper & money. I would trial telling members they can receive them on request, in other words only print on request – or make them avail electronically on the web.
- Great lectures!
- Quite good (as normal)

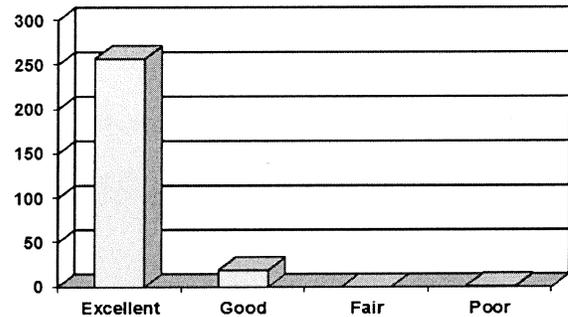
- Having breakout sessions/your crew members, not random members from various departments
- Thank you for your service always appreciated
- Good luck at the JEMS games

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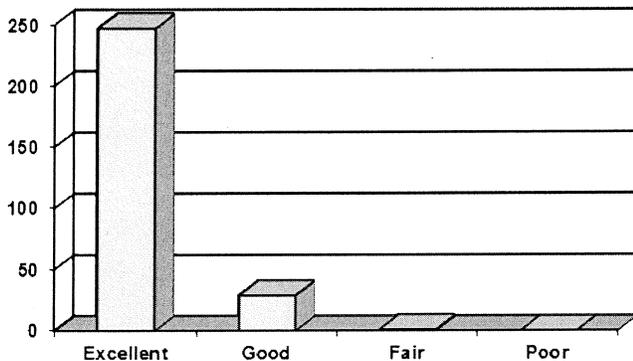
1. The course started on time



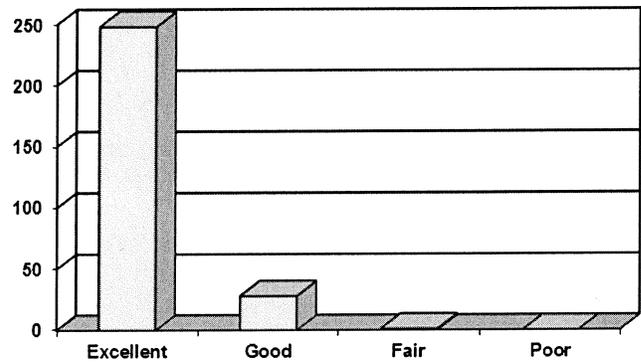
2. Course Objectives were clearly stated



3. Material was presented in an understandable manner



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



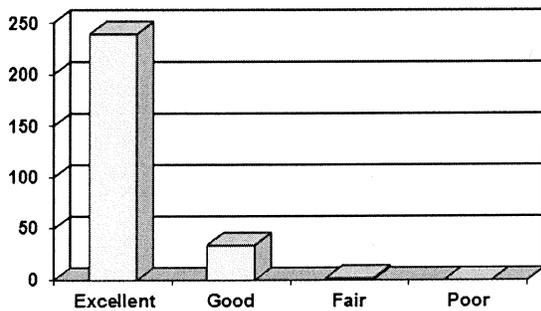
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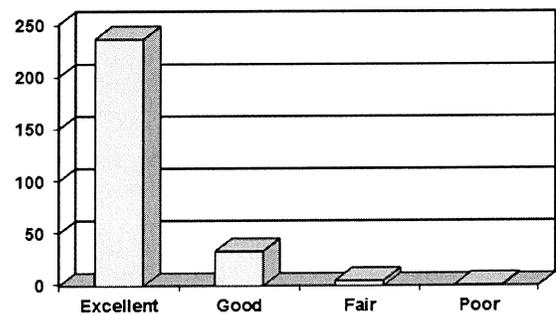
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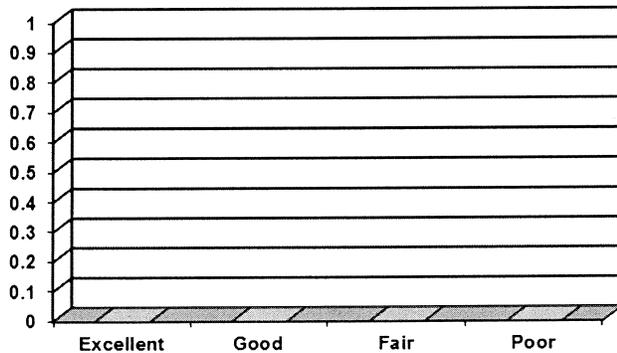
5. The instructor encouraged participation where appropriate



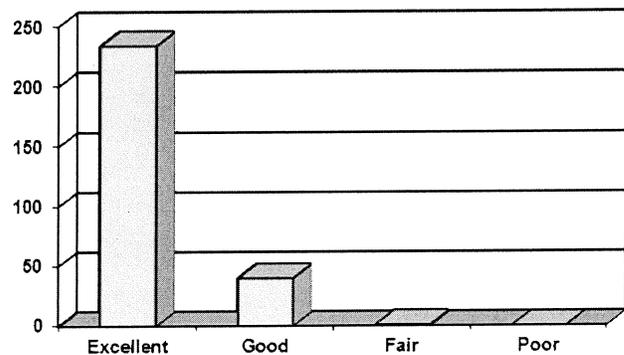
6. Handouts were easy to use and helpful  
N/A



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



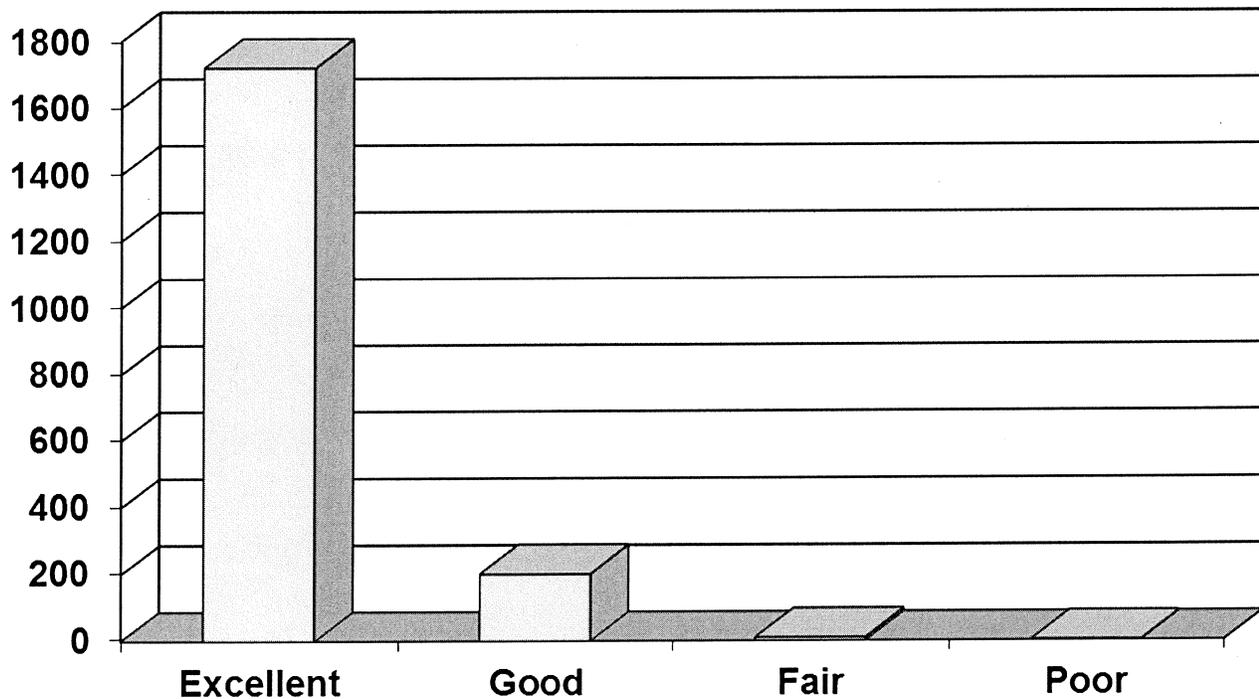
8. My overall rating of session?



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## Summary of All Responses to All Questions



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