

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2016

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Captain Mark Benadum  
Lt. Kirk Keane  
Chief Jim Price  
Chief Rick Helminski  
Greg Szumigala  
Nicholas Simon  
Marlene Metti  
Aaron Stoianowski  
Quinci Copeland  
Phil Moline  
Allison Armstrong  
Jeff Hibbard  
Richard Ellett  
Gregory May  
Christine Davis  
Emily Medina

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire  
TFD EMS Bureau  
TFD EMS Bureau  
TFD EMS Bureau  
Springfield Fire  
Toledo Fire – LS11  
Toledo Fire – LS5  
Toledo Fire – LS4  
Toledo Fire – LS1  
Toledo Fire  
Toledo Fire  
Toledo Fire  
Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
Maumee Fire – LS7  
Springfield Fire – LS10  
St. Charles Hospital – Trauma  
St. Vincent Mercy - EC

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  
Oregon Fire – LS8  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

M. Sautter or R. Sedlock  
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 March 14, 2016 meeting were available for review. Chief Helminski made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Greg May. The minutes were then approved.

## **Training**

Brent reported the compiled CE comments and graphs from April were available to read. Brent reported April's CE dealt with review pharmacology meds the paramedics use in the field and the last hour composed of Firefighter down CPR. May CE will have Dr. Lindstrom for a couple of hours dealing with protocol questions and then there will be skill stations.

Brent also reported there is a change in CE for June. The RTF training that was scheduled has been moved to September. Brent said he is gathering more data for the topic. June's CE will be on trauma.

Chief Helminski asked if the County will be using the I GEL Airway. Brent reported they have been encouraged to look at the device for advanced airway placement. Brent said they have purchased two of them and one has been put on LS6 and LS10 for evaluations. Brent will see how the evaluations are and go from there. Brent said it would be used in lieu of the King Airway.

Wall of Honor – Brent mentioned the nomination form for the 2016 Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor is available. Nominations are due by July 1<sup>st</sup> and encourages all to nominate.

## **Old Business**

MDT – Greg Szumigla reported LS 11 and 2 are still having issues with the MDT disconnecting. Marline mentioned it is happening with LS4 as well. Dennis said he was not aware this was still happening and will get with AI to resolve the issues.

## **New Business**

Narcan – Dr. Lindstrom reported the Narcan issue for the fire department's first responders is being handled different. There is an opinion from the State Board of Pharmacy saying we are not able to re-supply them. Dr. Lindstrom said law enforcement and fire departments are looking at different pathways to acquire the drug.

Dr. Lindstrom reported there is no longer an issue with getting medications and no shortages at this time.

Chief Kowalski expressed his thanks to Dr. Lindstrom for spending time with the paramedics in CE.

Handtevy System – Nick Simon reported on May 4<sup>th</sup> LS5 had a pediatric arrest patient. He was asked to pass along the Handtevy System was used and how well it worked out.

Alcohol Swabs – Nick Simon reported that 8-9 months ago AI had ordered the larger alcohol swabs and it made it a lot easier to use when clearing areas for patch sides. He asked if they could be re-ordered.

Hospital By Pass – Allison cited St. Vincent's has been on bypass a lot lately. She cited an incident not too long ago where they had to take three fire victims to Toledo Hospital. She asked if both those hospitals are closed they would have to go to UTMC. With summer upon us, what happens when all the trauma hospitals are on by-pass?

Dr. Lindstrom reported when this happens and a trauma alert is called in a disaster mode, all the Trauma Centers are forced back open.

Dr. Lindstrom reminded the paramedics if they go to a hospital on a diversion and you happened to be there and they don't appear to look busy, it could be they don't have the beds or the staff, but if that is not the case, to contact him.

Tally Sheets – Dennis reported the tally sheets are back in the lockers and they need to be filled out to meet the requirement for point-to-point control of medications per the regional representative from the Board of Pharmacy. Dennis also reported that the County may be moving forward with placing vending machines in the hospitals to meet our drug control requirements. We ordered machines for the Annex resupply to see how they will work. He also notes that we had to change our drug destruction process to meet new requirements.

#### HIPAA Forms

Dennis reported the County's new Notice of Privacy Practice (NPP) HIPAA forms were distributed to life squads and supply lockers last week. Dennis noted this is a requirement to give/leave a copy to each patient under HIPAA that we acquire personal health information (PHI) on. It is important that paramedics know what it is and give them to patients.

Phil Moline asked the question if they are on the first responder unit and the patient is handed off to the life squad, does the patient get a HIPAA form from each. It was reported yes, it's about who collects personal information, if each agency collects information, each agency has to provide their NPP form.

Mercy-Sylvania EC – Greg May asked if a second locker could be put in at the Sylvania-Mercy EC. There seems to be minimal space in the current locker and they run out of supplies. Dennis said it was our intent to have that site minimalistic. Dennis said the paramedics could go to Flower for additional supplies if Sylvania Mercy EC does not have the supply. After further discussion, Dennis he will review how we re-supply the site.

ePCR – Allison asked if there was a time frame for Lucas County for new ePCR hardware/software. Brent reported we are still looking at products.

Dennis reported one of the vendors we had looked at (Safety Pad) went up for sale so we stopped looking at them not knowing if the future owner was purchasing for the customer list or if they intended to continue developing the software. He also pointed out that we've looked several other ePCR software options but haven't gotten much response from the paramedics demoing the software. Dennis also reported they talked to the President of Safety Pad last week and they said Safety Pad will

Announce their acquisition in a couple of weeks. He believes we will be comfortable with the new vendor's intent for Safety Pad.

Dispatch/Hospitals – Loren reported hospital personnel are monitoring our med channels, 800. Loren said the ERs are calling Dispatch and asking if they are getting a particular type of case, i.e., shooting, accidents, etc. and we are busy. Loren cited it is Dispatch's job to call the hospital to tell them what type of patient they are receiving, not the other way around.

Dr. Lindstrom reported the paramedics have an acronym "TAGEM" on a trauma patient and it just gives basic info. Dr. Lindstrom suggested this topic be taken back to the nurses meeting.

Supplies – Dennis asked if there were any new medical items the paramedics would like to submit for next year's budget.

### **Next Meeting**

Chief Kowalski said the committee generally does not meet in July and August and suggest the next meeting be held in September. The next meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Lucas County EMS  
Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation  
Course: Pharmacology Review/Firefighter Down: CPR  
Course Dates: April 5,6,7,12,13,14,19,20,21,26,27, 2016

## COMMENTS

### April 5, 2016

- Fine job Ace!
- Very good training session
- Very good review over medications/usage. Good thorough presentation on firefighter down CPR  
Excellent!
- Good review!

### April 6, 2016

- Does anyone take notes on those handouts?
- "Thank you for your service"
- Excellent! Rx review is always needed & the in depth explanation was great! FDCPR
- Great info. Will implement into training on shift.
- Ace & Jonny – just want you to know you've both turned into great educators. You both gotten very comfortable & really professional. \*Also, most of our new medics are automatically giving Zofran after Narcan. I've only seen 1 person vomit after Narcan in 14 years. That is not in our protocol line up for OD as being automatic. Please address this in next CE. I've had many patients list Zofran as an allergy. And, if the body wants to rid itself of vomit after Narcan, the body is naturally doing what it needs to remove the opiate. By doing this, we are preventing the body's natural response in helping remove the substance. Just sayin
- Good class. Priceless info. Thanks

### April 7, 2016

- Pharmacology was brutal!
- Have powerpoint handouts match the actual powerpoint slides
- Slide on pg 2 about Dextrose on handout doesn't match slide on PPT or flow chart for ped hypoglycemia in 400M-under peds-% of Dextrose is wrong-says 12.5 instead of 10%. Good CE & review of pharmacology.
- Would you bring dirty turnouts into your living area? Why have dirty fire gear brought in to places we will be doing other \_\_\_\_\_ in the future and get contaminant all over the building. Minor oversight.
- Excellent review of pharmacology
- Pharmacology review was great. Great CE. More like this
- Great info!
- Nice job!
- Great training!
- Always enjoy!
- A very need topic to be addressed. Excellent.
- Good review & quick review of reasons for use. Thanks.
- Excellent CE & hands on
- Create a self-study sheet for meds
- Example:

Med name	How carried	Dose	Desired action	Adverse actions	Protocol Uses

Could be sent out to stations or done as a fill in at beginning of CE

### April 12, 2016

- Very good topics
- Firefighter CPR outstanding! Excellent job with pharmacology review → by both Ace & Jon. Very informative.
- Very good lecture format on drugs

### April 13, 2016

- Great to get this training, but why this is being taught by LCEMS rather than by dept. seems weird. Basics can't do this? That being said, excellent to have it introduced. Thank you.
- Great job!
- Ace needs to speak up
- Thanks, we needed refresher. Learned a few things.
- Great
- Good firefighter down training
- How much money do you guys spend on printing materials?

### April 14, 2016

- Great job
- Thank you!
- I'm confused because LCEMS recognizes the need to train on a firefighter down scenarios, however, does not send Toledo life squads to fires for their firefighters. The irony of this training is under LCEMS Dispatch policy no Toledo life squads will be on scene.
- Good info!
- Can the battalion chief turn his radio off? I'm sure he has a phone that accepts texts if he is needed. A lot of good info
- FD CPR was slick!
- Might want to mention Thiamine doses is 100mg and 200mg are in vial

### April 19, 2016

- Ziehr did a fantastic lecture! He is awesome
- Great CE
- Very Good review. FD-CPR – excellent
- Good job Johnny Z!! had my attention the entire time!
- Very good
- Excellent lecture and training – good job of making pharm easy for all experience to understand and interesting
- Good tool to learn the FD CPR
- Good review of pharmacology! Jon is a GREAT instructor.
- Great job JZ!

### April 20, 2016

- Great training.
- Good hands on.
- OK
- Great CE
- Great presentations & hands on

### April 21, 2016

- Good information and connecting pharmacology and quizzing us. Helped to put things in perspective and help us to understand. Also, to know, apply and understand FD-CPR is a great asset!
- Can self-administered ASA, Ntg, maybe diphenhydramine, Epi(pen) be added to the tablet (ePCR) as choice?
- Nice review but a little dry! FD-CPR-thumbs up!
- Useful practical training!!
- Good \_\_\_\_\_
- Nice job with a dry lecture not much you can do
- Great hands on topic
- Please include “situational awareness” during RTF training that should be used on a daily work basis, no matter the run. i.e: “cutting the pie” pre entry room cleaning, defensive posturing, knowing your exit pathway, equipment placement. Thanks Mark Mullins

### April 26, 2016

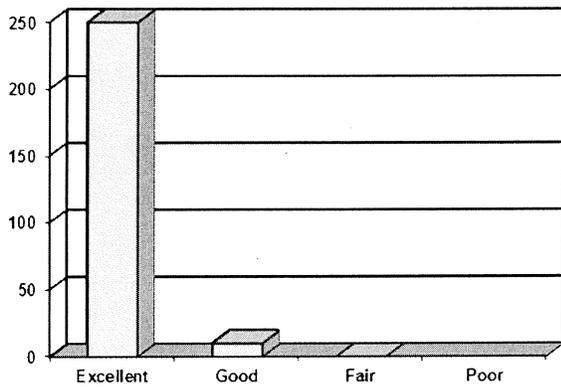
- Jon, you do a great job.
- Once again, awesome. Suggestion: Ace needs to turn her microphone up please.
- Good review of meds.
- Pharmacology was a littler boring. Firefighter CPR was really good.

### April 27, 2016

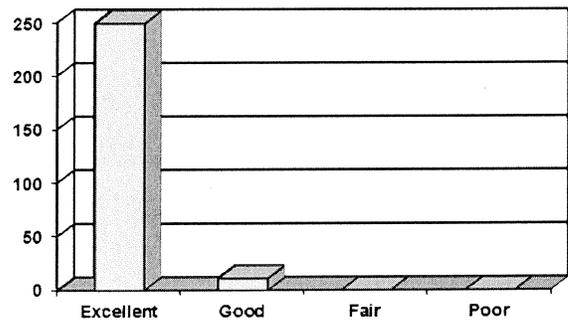
- Good Info!
- Good review. Well presented.
- Great CE. Like the drug review. FD CPR was a good exercise.
- Bring back case of the month
- Great job on lectures – Jon & Ace

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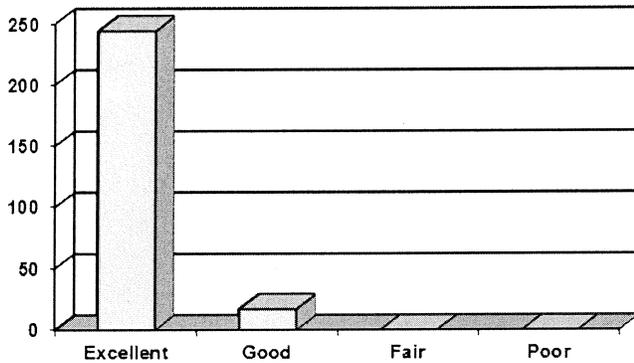
1. The course started on time



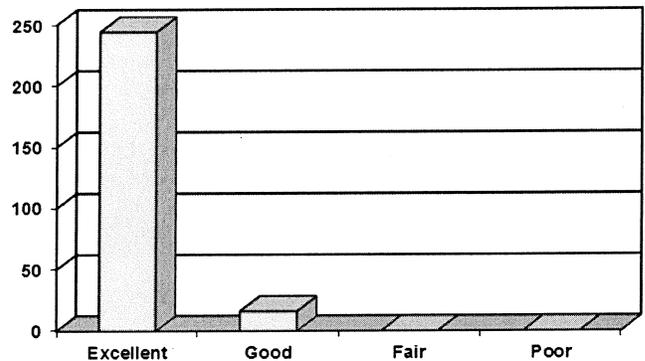
2. Course Objectives were clearly stated



3. Material was presented in an understandable manner



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



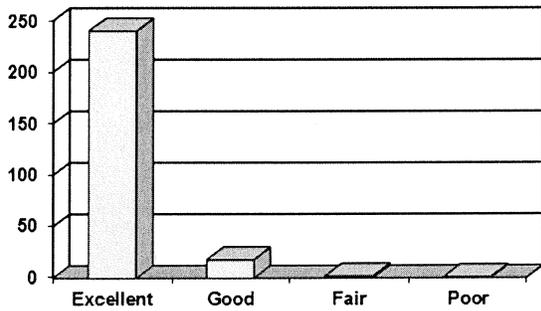
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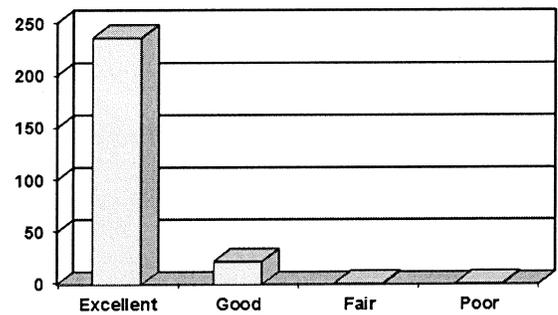
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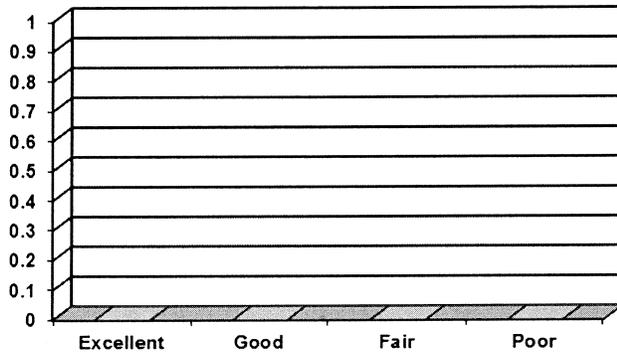
5. The instructor encouraged participation where appropriate



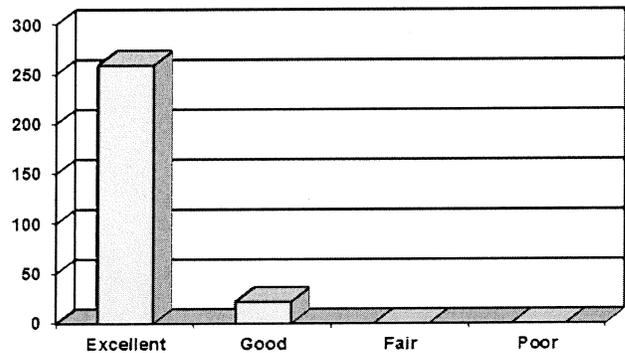
6. Handouts were easy to use and helpful  
N/A



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



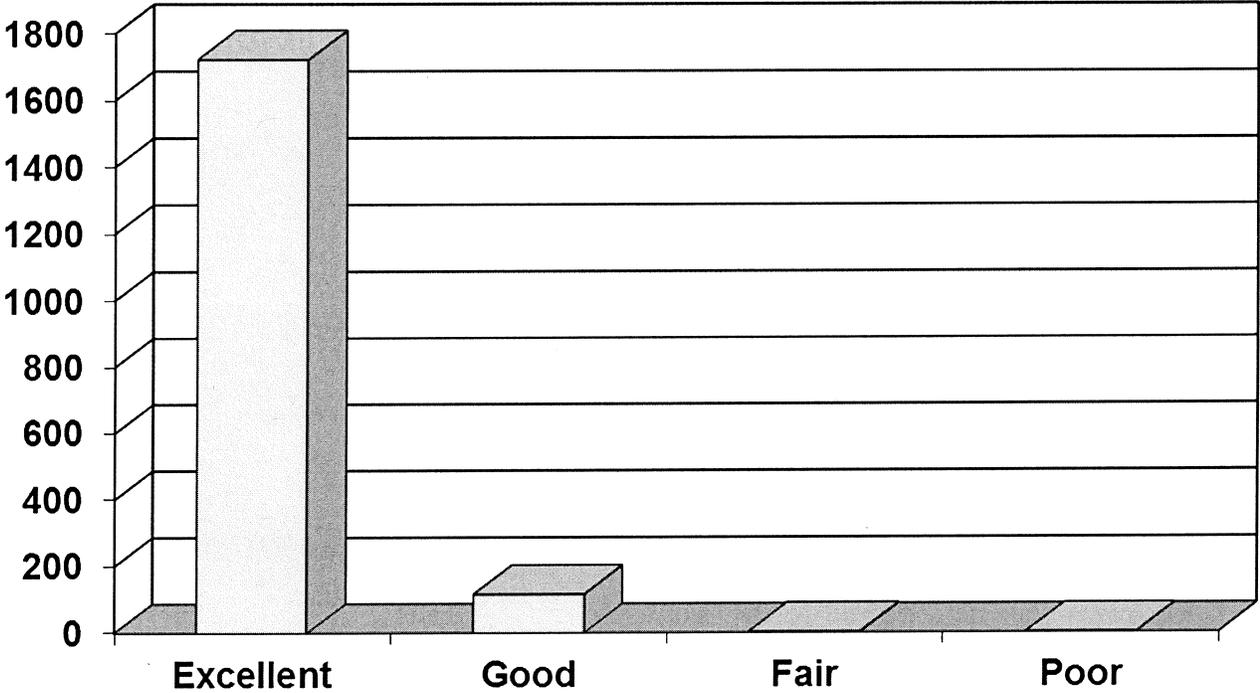
8. My overall rating of session?



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**Summary of All Responses to All Questions**



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