

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2016

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Captain Mark Benadum  
Lt. Kirk Keane  
Chief Rick Helminski  
Greg Szumigala  
Marlene Metti  
Aaron Stoianowski  
Jason Francis  
Ryan Sedlock  
Emily Medina  
John Barnes  
Kristen Calkens  
Dr. Jason DiYanni

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire  
TFD EMS Bureau  
TFD EMS Bureau  
Springfield Fire  
Toledo Fire – LS11  
Toledo Fire – LS4  
Toledo Fire – LS1  
Monclova Fire  
Sylvania Twp. Fire – LS6  
St. Vincent Mercy – EC  
180<sup>th</sup> ANCFD  
UTMC - EC  
Emergency Resident

STAFF

Dennis Cole  
Brent Parquette  
Dr. David Lindstrom  
Ralph Shearn

Emergency Services Director  
QA/QI  
Medical Director  
LCEMS Dispatch Manager

ABSENT

Maumee Fire – LS7  
Oregon Fire – LS8  
Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Chief Charles Flack

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chief Kowalski.

**Minute Approval**

The minutes from the May 9, 2016 meeting were available for review. John Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Captain Mark Benadum. The minutes were then approved.

## **Training**

Brent reported the compiled CE comments and graphs from June were available to read. Chief Helminski said he noted in the June comments regarding CE session times. Brent reported he was kicking around the idea of have more 9-1 sessions because they are so full. He did increase the number of sessions from ten to eleven. Chief Helminski asked then about alternative classes, ie. On line or video conferencing. Brent reported he has had discussions regarding this, but he thinks there would be a loss of consistency and we have a great program. Chief Helminski mentioned they try to keep their basics informed of what the paramedics do. Brent reported there is a huge disconnect between the paramedics and basic EMTs and cohesiveness is not there. This could be a future discussion for the Policy Board.

Brent reported the Active Shooter CE this month is going well. The paramedics are getting acclimated to the gear.

Brent asked the paramedics present if they were satisfied with the present CE schedule. The paramedics present were.

Dr. Lindstrom asked if the I-Gel airway evaluations had been turned in. Brent report 4 or 5, some good, some bad. The product is on LS6 and 10.

## **Old Business**

Narcan – Dr. Lindstrom said the synthetic talked about in May is hitting the street. He has heard anecdotal that in Akron and Cincinnati, Narcan is working, but slower affect. Dr. Lindstrom stressed the first responders the synthetic is lethal with contact and to emphasize proper PMI.

Dennis asked if there are any issues with the police using Narcan. Marlene reported no. Brent reported his concern with law enforcement using Narcan is that it distracts them from the safety issue. Brent said he is encouraging responders to ask law enforcement to check the scene.

Alcohol Swabs – The question was asked if the larger swabs had been purchased. Ryan reported no.

Hospital by- Pass – It was reported none noted.

MDT – Ryan Sedlock reported LS6 is having the issue of their MDT intermittently shuts down and they have the capacitor in their vehicle.

Chief Helminski mentioned there issues with the MDTs in that their times are way off and they don't correlate with Dispatch.

John Barnes asked about using tablets vs. MDTs. Dennis reported the app is not released by TriTech.

No official release and it's gone from free to a cost.

Tally Sheets – Dennis reported we are not getting the tally sheets and they are not being used.

Dennis reported the medication use is way over budget. There is \$200,000. the increase can't be accounted for and this is a big issue with the revenue going down. The runs are not justifying the loss of supplies. Dennis asked the paramedics not to over stock on the life squad. Dennis reported we have ordered the vending machine for the Annex to trial.

Chief Helminski reported costs have increased significantly and there also a lot of waste.

HIPAA Forms – Reported they were being given out.

Mercy-Sylvania EC – Dennis reported they have added another half locker.

ePCR – Chief Kowalski asked for an update. Dennis reported never activated the interface with ZOLL and we are making sure how it works. Brent said they will start with dummy calls in October to see if it populates on-scene data come into the tablet. The interface will put in the CAD times in the ePCR for the paramedic.

Greg Szumigala asked if the county is looking for different ePCRs. Dennis reported no, not at this time. Ryan reported the CAD puts in the data in Firehouse and it works great.

### **New Business**

Pagers – Ralph reported the new pagers are out and supplied extra to LS 7,9 and 10 as an alert pager for the station. We also ordered more pagers for the additional stations so one will always be turned off in the charger so they can be swapped out due to the battery issue only holds a charge for 6-8 hrs.

Portables – Ralph reported with the new portables when transmitting there is a spike in the volume. The radio captures it and it self-adjusts. The portables are being sent to P&R to fix this issue.

Wireless microphones – It was asked if the wireless mics could be turned in in that they are not used. Ralph reported the reason they were purchased was for the use in the Rescue Task Force.

Dennis reported the intent was free up the hands and it came out of the training of the task force. Dennis asked that they try them.

Noise – Ryan reported he was asked to bring up the issue of the decimal level in the cab of the life squad citing it's louder and louder do to sirens and horns. Ryan said he tested it and it is over 90 decibels which is over the OSHA standard. Ryan asked if hearing protection for the paramedic in the cab.

UTMC – Kristen Calkens reported UTMC is holding mock traumas twice a month and is offering the paramedics to attend. One session will be held on days and one on nights being held the first and the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Life Flight will participate as well. This is help improve communication.

Stroke Alert – Kristen also wanted to remind paramedics when they bring in a stroke patient to have the nurse and attending meet them in the hallway for an assessment before taking the patient to CE. Registration will be waiting there as well.

Owens College Event – Captain Benadum reported Mark Briggs of TFD who is an instructor with Owens has contacted a special speaker to talk about the Charleston 9 tragedy. This speaker was the on duty pump operator at this fire. He lectures on the fire and the resistance to change following the event. The seminar is October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 4 in room 125. It is free to fire consortium members and \$20 for all other attendees.

MSU – Brent reported he will reporting a change in CE this month regarding the MSU and RACE patients. Starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, the intent for the MSU will be dispatched on all strokes and when first responders determine it's a RACE patient (5 or more) MSU will be cancelled and a life squad will transport. The concern was MSU was delaying on scene.

Dennis reported prior to the MSU, the life squad was on scene 17 minutes or less and getting the patient quicker to the interventional hospital and to puncture. The goal for the life squad is to get off scene in 17 minutes or less is why we are making the change. Dennis reported the Jumaa and Dr. Zaidi praised the paramedics and the training from last year is spot on.

Wall of Honor – Brent reported September 27<sup>th</sup> is the Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor presentation. The recipients are Dr. Bruce Janiak, Dr. Judith Ruple and retired Chief Carl Need. Encouraged those present to attend.

Press Release – Brent also reported there is media release being held September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Springfield Fire Station #3. It will show case the first survivor in the use of the Active Decompression. The surviving patient and the first responders from the incident will be present. The patient was in refractor v-fib with multiple shocks with good outcome.

Retirement – Chief Helminski reported Chief McNutt from Whitehouse Fire is retiring and there is a retirement party for him on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 at the Whitehouse Fire Department.

Crashes – John Barnes reported they are looking in March to have the NTSB come in discussing crashes and looking at bodies.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Lucas County EMS  
Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation  
Course: Trauma Review/Trauma Update  
Course Dates: June 7,8,9,14,15,16,21,22,23,28,29, 2016

## COMMENTS

### June 7, 2016

- Would like to see a drill with mass casualty medical trailer.
- If possible, I would like staff to pull patient care reports and have class discussion on the run report. Think it would benefit both documentation and patient care/treatment.
- Nice rebound from last month!
- Good review!
- Keep a couple night sessions every month. Only CE I can make w/out having to get a babysitter.
- Good review
- Bring back the "Quiz Show" whenever applicable as it breaks up the mundane routine of the traditional lecture/practical regiment.

### June 8, 2016

- As always great CE!
- Need another full time life squad in Toledo. Need to reduce LS dispatch/cancellation rate.
- December – review of signatures
- People having their own private conversations while Brent is speaking is very distracting and disrespectful toward the speaker & others who are trying to listen. Esp. the back row.
- Happy summer
- Great job!

### June 9, 2016

- Great job!
- Changed out w/out notice from active shooter. (Referring to #2 (Course objectives were clearly stated?) of LCEMS CE Course Evaluation)
- I wish Steve Kahan could turn the volume down.
- Keeping crews together for group scenarios is the way to go. Keep it up.
- Good
- Nice job!
- Encourage people to stay off Facebook during lecture.

### June 14, 2016

- Bring back "Case of the month".
- I like the idea of changing times to all 0900-1300 w/one night class.

### June 15, 2016

- No I do not wish to come after shift. Keep 1300-1700.
- Very nice job
- No on deleting 1300-1700!! We love sleeping in.
- Jonny Z. rocks!

### **June 16, 2016**

- I love CE. xoxo B. Blair
- No June CE

### **June 21, 2016**

- Great job!
- Great refresher on trauma!
- Great job by all.

### **June 22, 2016**

- Kinda feel like Zebra is a little suspicious! Maybe something more related that wouldn't trigger the bad guys and they catch on to the fact that you are checking our safety! And maybe something for us to say over the radio to alert your guys if they make us answer @ gunpoint! "A day without sunshine is like night".
- Zebra is suspicious. Should have radio traffic for LS crew to use also if forced to answer dispatch.

### **June 23, 2016**

- 8 am start noon stop
- How about starting @ 8:00 am again, Maumee is on a ABCD schedule now with few medics in system overall. Being on the ABCD I think they can find a date in there 3 days off to get CE @ 8:00 am. With over 400 medics in the system would love to start after their shift or they could go in the afternoon or night. If we went 8-12 you could have a 1-5 the same day. It would save time & money and instructors could get 8 hrs in.
- Good review. Will LCEMS ever get Sam Splints? Thank you

### **June 28, 2016**

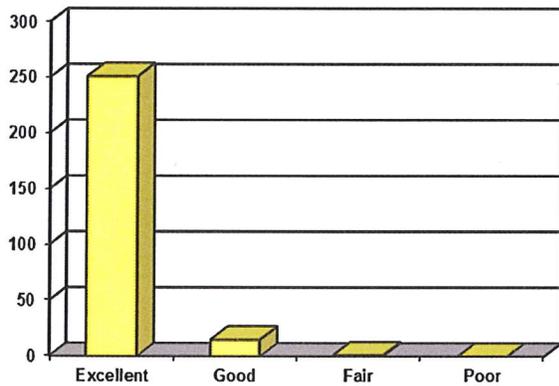
- Thank you!
- Good updates
- This is my second class. I am impressed with everything so far. Derrick Welton NRP STFD
- Good review – much needed
- Thanks

### **June 29, 2016**

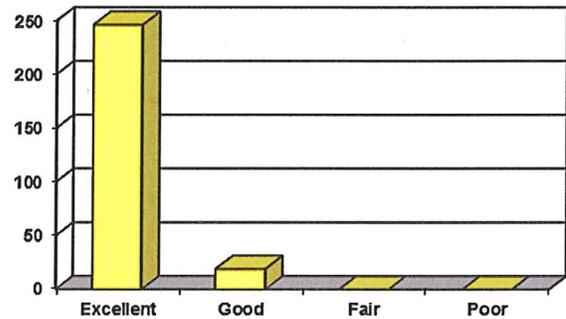
- Great stations

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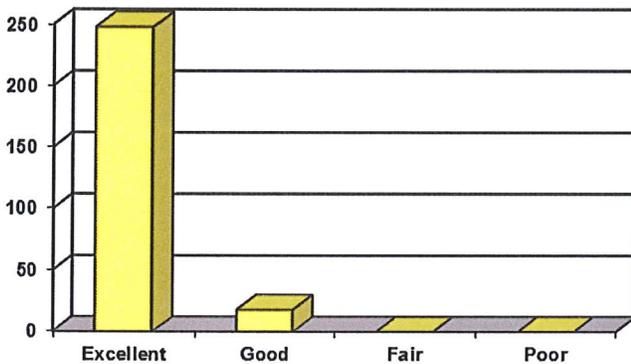
1. The course started on time



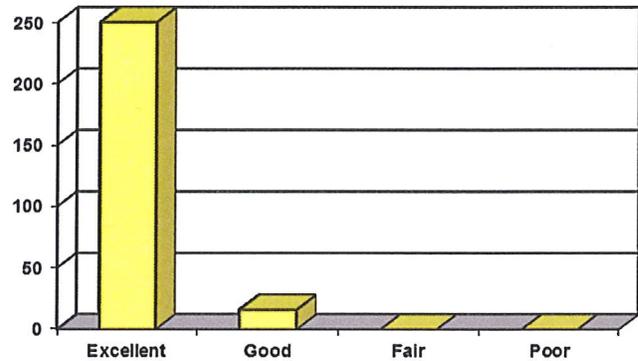
2. Course Objectives were clearly stated



3. Material was presented in an understandable manner



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



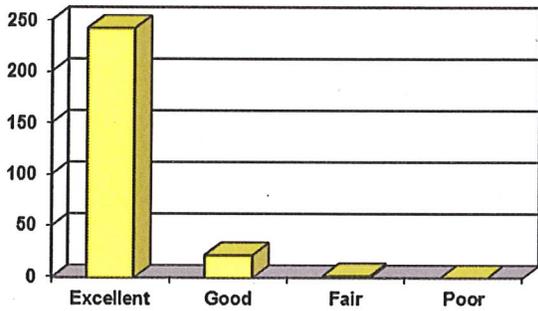
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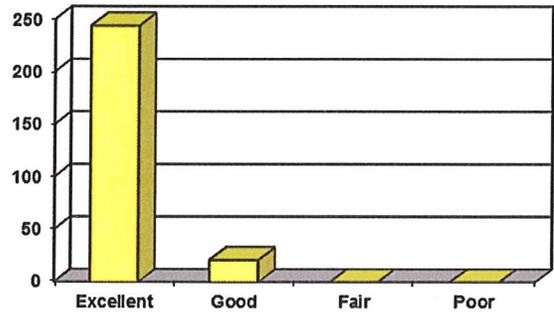
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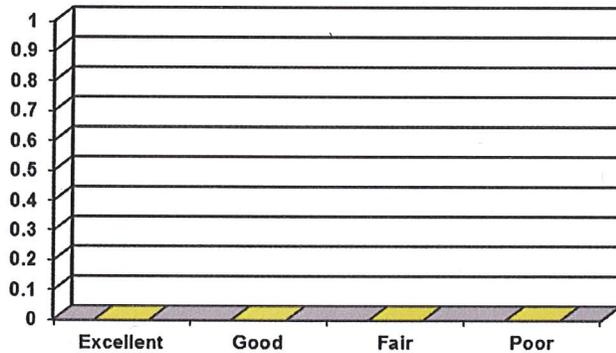
5. The instructor encouraged participation where appropriate



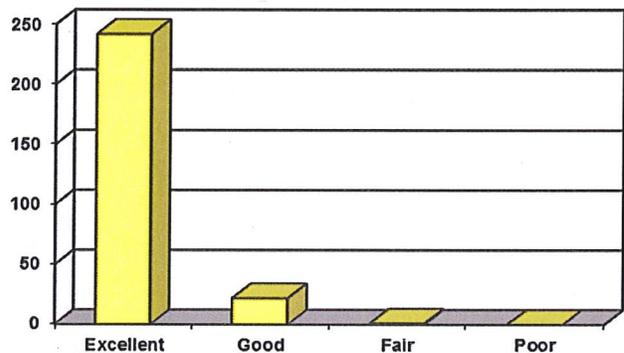
6. Handouts were easy to use and helpful  
N/A



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



8. 8. My overall rating of session?



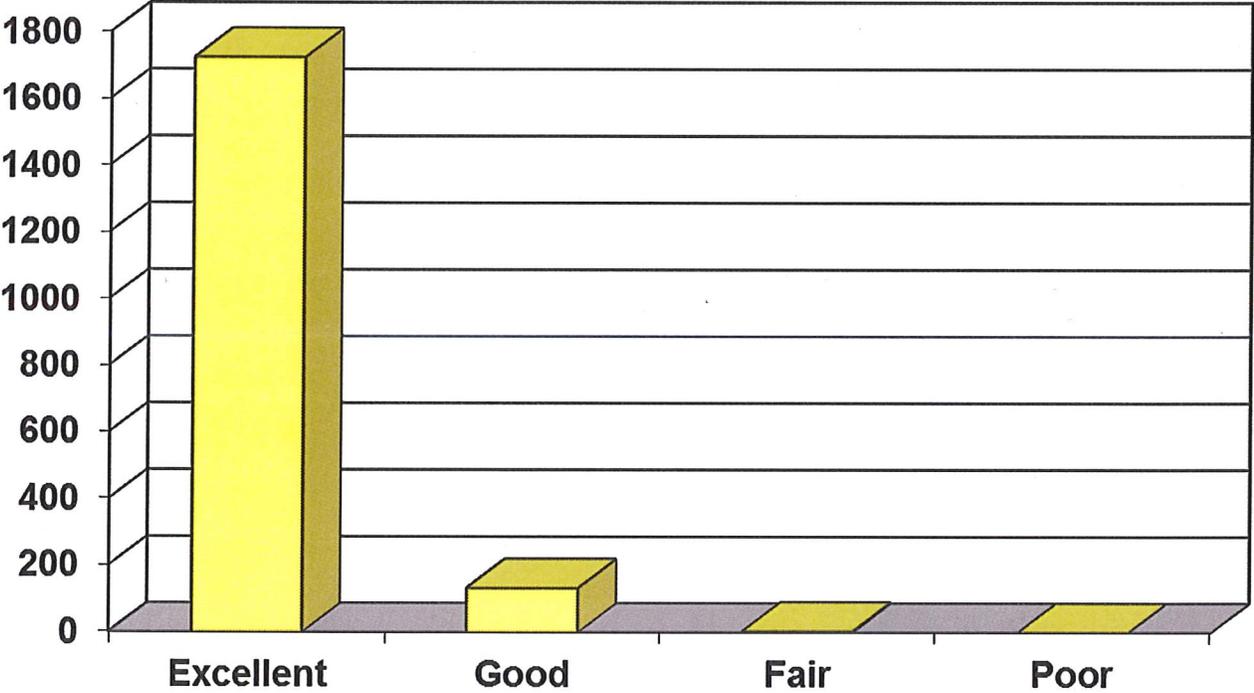
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## Summary of All Responses to All Questions



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