

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2008

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Rich Ellett
Jeff Nissen
Brian Dotson
Chief Rick Helminski
Captain William Hull
Ed Herrick
Craig Koperski
Matt Homik
James Fenn
Chad Premo
Kenan Mylander

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Whitehouse Fire
Maumee Fire – LS7
Oregon Fire – LS8
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Springfield Twp. Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Sylvania Twp. Fire – LS6
Monclova Twp. Fire
Flower Hospital Trauma
ProMedica
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center EC

STAFF

David Lindstrom
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Gary Orlow
Al Moenter

Medical Director
Emergency Services Director
QI/QA
EMS Manager
Annex Supervisor

ABSENT

Starr Stockton
Gina Shubeta
Robert Kendrick
Tim Treadaway
Sherry Watson
Jodi Livecchi
Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Mark Briggs
Chief Charles Flack

Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire – LS4
Toledo Fire – LS3
Nurse Manager – Flower EC
Springfield Twp – LS10
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Ottawa Hills
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Call to Order

Chief McNutt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from April 14, 2008 meeting were available for review. A motion by Captain Hull to accept the minutes was seconded by Rich Ellett. Minutes were approved as printed.

Dr. Lindstrom introduced Beth Mallory a post graduate of St. Ursula High School. Dr. Lindstrom reported she is shadowing him for an EMS type experience.

Training & QA

Brent reported the comments from April's CE of PEPP were available to read. Brent reported there were twelve sessions of eight hours. The PEPP course went well. Brent reported one of the comments made from the April 30th session regarding an instructor not using ResQGuard or Hypothermia was taken out of context. The issue was addressed with the instructor.

Brent reported there have been nine uses of the ResQGuard to date and all have been favorable. Paramedics report it is easy to apply. All the feedback is given back to the manufacturer and they are pleased with the documentation. Brent reported Michael McLaury, Advanced Circulatory Systems representative, is meeting with him and Dr. Lindstrom on Friday, May 16th to discuss another application.

Brent reported May's CE is Hypothermia, with two classes being held. The paramedics are given cardiac arrest scenarios with induced hypothermia. The feedback relatively has been good. The implementation of the protocol is June 1st. Dr. Lindstrom reported the start date has been confirmed with the hospitals at this point. Dr. Lindstrom reported he talked to Dr. Crawford from St. Luke's and they are ready as with Toledo Hospital and MCO has been doing it. Kenan from St. Vincent's reported they are ready. Brent asked for their protocol. Dr. Lindstrom also reported he is working with Hospital Council for the bypass diversion procedure.

Chief McNutt asked if this information is given to the non-life squad chiefs. It was reported no. Chief McNutt asked if this information can be given to them at the next Fire Chief's meeting scheduled for the last Wednesday in May. Dr. Lindstrom reported he will share this information at their next meeting.

Brent reported the downfall with the system is there is a gap in the training that the paramedics receive and what is perceived to the EMT basic first responders. Brent suggested a training class for the LC first responders that would address important issues as they relate to treatments for the cardiac arrest victim in the field.

Basics of training to be implemented. Lectures formatted of the resuscitation process

The suggestion to have a train the trainer and to approach the chiefs first of this issue.

Dr. Lindstrom reported there was a Dispatch QA meeting held last month. He reported he sits down with Pat and the lead dispatchers to go over compliance with EMD cards. Last month was focused on cardiac arrest calls. There were a number of behavior changes. There was also a discussion about the volume in the number of incidents in Lucas County. In 2003, the CAD showed 79,000 incidents and last year it has jumped up to 94,000. In 2003, there were 52,000 medical calls and 57,000 in 2007. The number of patches are growing as well. Dr. Lindstrom reported he thought it was time to change the out of service time from 30 minutes to 20 minutes. He cited he has held off for quite a while due to some changes that have been made recently, i.e.,

the EPCR and the number of protocols. Dr. Lindstrom reported he proposed this to the Policy Board and the chiefs were supportive of this. Dr. Lindstrom reported they will be approaching the Commissioners in the future informing them of the costs going up. Dr. Lindstrom reported in his mind to get more efficient, this is an example to get back in service quicker for the next patient and it's a move in the right direction. Dr. Lindstrom cited the option to be out of service longer is still there for incidents that take longer.

The discussion was brought up regarding the length of time it takes to transfer care to the hospital staff. Dr. Lindstrom reported this is a nationwide issue. The intent is to improve the system.

Captain Hull asked for information regarding what the average out of service time is. Gary Orlow reported this information could be provided.

A discussion ensued regarding resources, i.e., ALS first response and how the life squad role has changed.

The issue of patient reports was brought up if they have to be left at the hospital at the time of the run. It was reported no. It was reported once the report is uploaded in the EPCR, the hospital can access the report through the internet.

Old Business

Rig issues – Gary Orlow reported the two oldest life squads were given to Washington Twp and Providence. Chief McNutt asked about the horn issues on the new life squads. Al reported massive compressors were ordered with LS 6 getting the first one and three more have to be installed. As for LS9 and their air seat, Monroe Truck dropped the ball and ordered a regulator and the bill was sent thinking they had solved the problem. The regulator wasn't telling the pump to shut off. A pump for the air seat and horn have been ordered for LS9. Chief McNutt asked about the status of the back up rigs citing LS 10 swaying and back lights out. Gary Orlow reported documentation is needed when there is a problem. Al reported paramedics will change over a life squad and not leave any kind of documentation as to why. Al said if they would even leave a piece of paper saying what's wrong would be helpful.

Al made a request that paramedics DO NOT TAKE the portable O2 bottles out of the back up rigs during the night.

Rich Ellett mentioned that at the last meeting it was reported of how rigs handle on the road. Rich said he spoke to Boyd at the garage and he put 100 pounds of PSI in the rear tires and seems to help. Rich mentioned how "awful" the rear end rides. Because pressure can not be checked, to ask Lin to order extenders for the tires so pressure can be checked.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Lucas County EMS
Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation
Course: PEPP
Instructor: Brent Parquette
Course Dates: April 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 2008

COMMENTS

April 3 2008

- Skills were excellent!!
- Mr. Couture did a fine job with his lecture.
- Marty was great.

April 8 2008

- Good course.
- Love the skill stations.

April 9 2008

- Good info and great review.
- This PEPP was way better & ran smoother than last year.
- Good review. Keep it up.

April 10 2008

- Good Review
- This course is worse than ACLS!
- Good Review

April 15 2008

- Day went by quickly.
- Glad to have Tom Back. He really does a nice job on lectures and is sharply dressed as always.
- Mints – a bowl of mints! \$1.00 a bag.

April 16 2008

- It's good to have T. Couture back fro C.E. sessions.
- Video lessons are usually quite redundant. Today is no exception. The whole video on airway management was handled in the practice stations. I realize this is mandated by PEPP. Perhaps an eval to the National level would be appropriate. No complaints on the LCEMS staff.
- Tom's moulage was hilarious, his sabbatical from the comedy tour really paid off. Kudos Tom!

- It was nice to have thrown Tom Couture a bone and let him visit the class to lecture and have the opportunity to try out new material. You could tell he was thrilled it was as if he never left.
- Bring PALS back!!!
- Everyone knew what they were teaching & did a great job.
- Great class!
- E-Z-IO system is needed! Protocol consideration for bypass of hospitals to pediatric acute care hospitals. We do it for adults why not our kids?
- Please!! Bring PALS back too!!

April 17 2008

- Good use of time.
- Video was bland.

April 22 2008

- Ryan did surprisingly well! Good job Ryan
- Do 8 hour classes during winter months, not on nice spring days. Thanks for getting rid of PALS.
- Good job on the lectures & skill stations. Very helpful & informative.
- Once again, the hands-on work is helpful.
- Good course.
- Skill stations were very good & reinforced seldom used skills.
- Excellent job done by all. Need one broselow tape for station though.

April 23 2008

- Good, informative course.
- I wasn't sure I liked the 9 a.m. start – but I think it works out better – what about another a.m. session? I have never seen the pedi IV/IO video before today – it was very helpful. – Ditto on use of Magills.
- Videos were HORRIBLE!!! - Basic paramedic skills & info – Gained NO knowledge from them.
- The class was informative and enjoyable.
- Break out sessions were informative. Lectures are always well done.
- Maybe have a few more real life case studies.

April 24 2008

- Very good!
- Good hands on station
- Good as last year. Hands on scenarios were good refreshers.
- Good classroom & practicals.
- Good review/good stuff – scenarios
- Good review

April 29 2008

- Good use of time between lecture/video/hands-on. Although we do not see a lot of peds, would still like to see the PALS updates similar to that of ACLS, maybe do alternating years so it does not take from other materials.

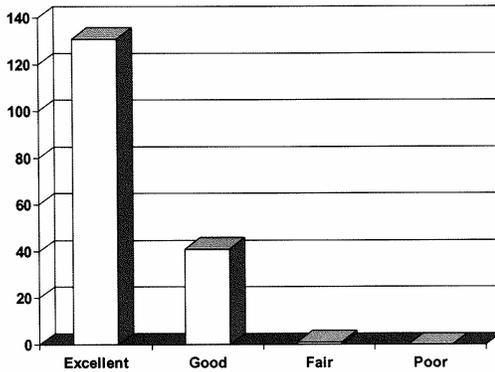
- Instructors were awesome!!
- Good job!

April 30 2008

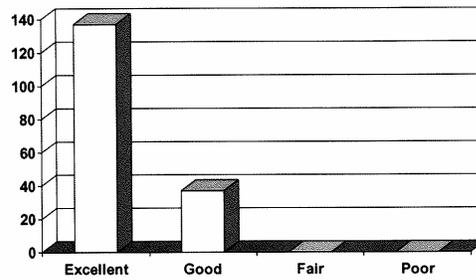
- It's bad when one of your instructors says that they won't use ResQGuard or ICE protocol, after all I can't get in trouble for doing it wrong if I don't do it. That is a great instructor. Why have CE's, just give my _____? _____? all the time.
- I think that we should have LCEMS buy monkeys to help us on the rig after all they are good with these hands and feet. Seriously though, there is an instructor who is telling the groups not to do the new things like ResQGuard or Hypothermia. He said he's not either. If you don't do it you can't get in trouble. I on the other hand am up for new things.
Keep it up.
- Good job.
- Good class.
- Thank you for making this a truly PRE-HOSPITAL class.

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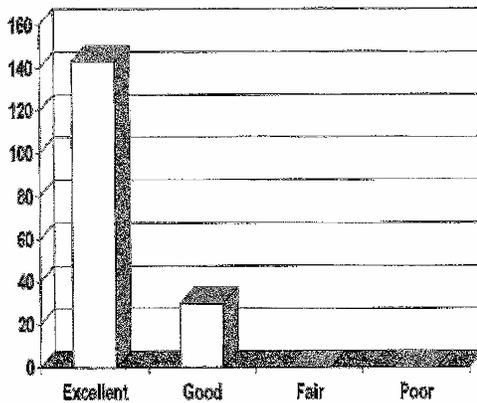
1. The course started on time



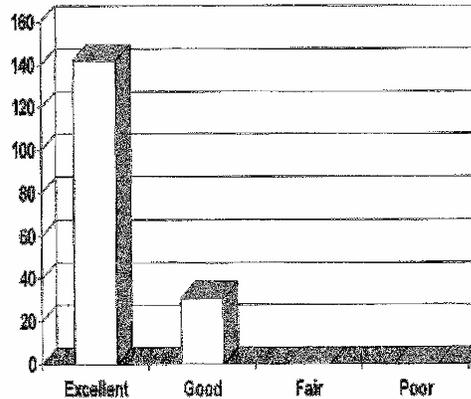
2. Course Objectives were clearly stated



3. Material was presented in an understandable manner



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



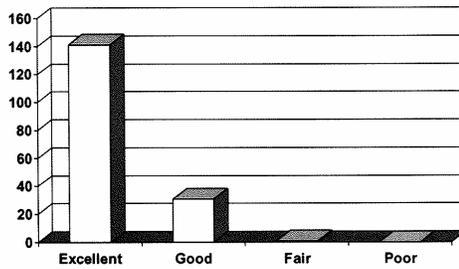
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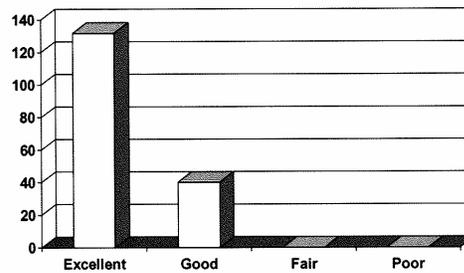
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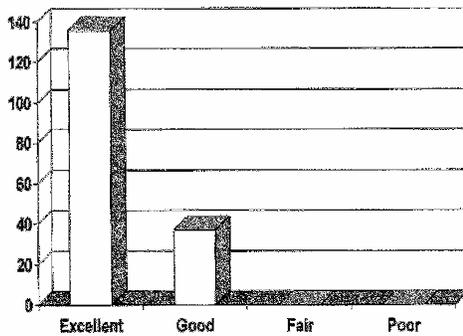
5. The instructor encouraged participation where appropriate



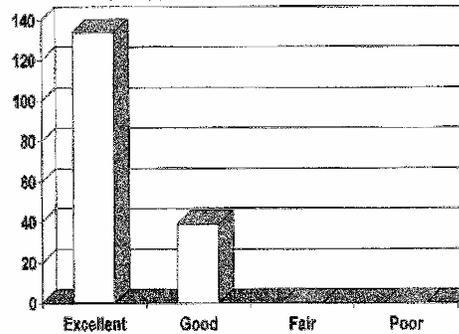
6. Handouts were easy to use and helpful



7. Rate your overall evaluation of the C.E. session



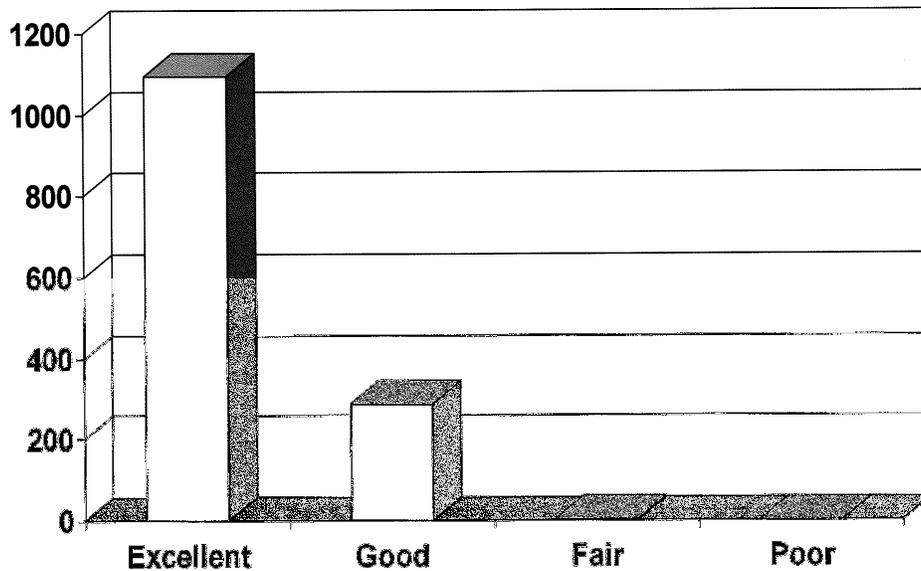
8. Did the written test reflect the objectives and course content?



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Summary of All Responses to All Questions



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