

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2008

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt  
Rich Ellett  
Brian Dotson  
Jeff Nissen  
Captain William Hull  
Ed Herrick  
Chief Richard Helminski  
Kenan Mylander  
Chief Brian Byrd  
David Miramontes, M.D.  
James Fenn  
Chad Premo

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire  
Maumee Fire – LS7  
Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
Oregon Fire  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Springfield Twp. Fire  
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center EC  
Toledo Fire  
TFD and Mercy Health Partners  
Flower Hospital Trauma  
ProMedica

STAFF

David Lindstrom, M.D.  
Dennis Cole  
Gary Orlow  
Brent Parquette  
Al Moenter

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

ABSENT

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

Toledo Fire  
Toledo Fire  
Toledo Fire – LS3  
Toledo Fire – LS4  
Sylvania Twp. Fire – LS6  
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 June 9, 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.

## **Training & QA**

Brent reported the comments from June's CE were available to review. Brent reported June's CE had skill stations with emphasis on the ICE protocols. The months of July and August there was no CE. September will bring trauma skills and assessments. October's CE will have the web portion of the EPCR. November and December there is no CE. Brent reported he is looking at the schedule for 2009 with the big class next of ACLS.

Brent reported he is continuing to look at the cardiac arrest calls and the ICE protocol. For 60 days, there has been 44 cardiac arrest patients, we had ROSC on 19 patients and initiated the ICE protocol on 8 patients. The ROSC rate prior to introduction of new CPR changes and ResQPOD use was 15%. After recent review, LCEMS ROSC rate is 43%. Brent reported he is looking to follow up information in the next month on these patients.

Brent asked the paramedics present with the initiation of the ICE protocol, were there any concerns. No one reported any.

Brent reported the county has temperature loggers in each ice cooler. This information is downloaded in the computer every 2 weeks. Brent reported there were some refrigerated units that weren't working right, with one running too cold. Currently, the problem is with the cables, people stepping on them and breaking the cords.

## **Old Business**

800 Radios - Dennis Cole reported all the 800 radios are all in and in the process of being programmed. Waiting on the patch. All the life squads will have the multi data computers with GPS capability. The computers and the 800 radios to be installed at one time. A discussion to leave the UHF in the squads or not. The paramedics will have an EMS mobile and EMS portable. All EMS radios will be encrypted. Dennis reported that he's having problems getting the GPS Dead Reckoning to work and reported that they're investigating how to connect the D/R.

20 Minute OOS Time – Ed Herrick reported he has worked on the life squad lately and he thinks the 20 minute out of service time isn't enough time. Ed reported when he asked for extended time on a couple of runs he "got attitude". Rushing to get things completed, things get missed, i.e., equipment, documentation.

Dr. Lindstrom explained the reason this was done citing the run volume was up and the need to get life squads in service sooner.

Tourniquet – Dr. Miramontes brought up the use of tourniquets. Dr. Lindstrom reported on the Battlefield data he received, citing changes in fluid and no blood pressure above 90 and will incorporate in protocol changes.

Phillips LP – Chief Helminski inquired into where the county was regarding the software for the Phillips life pak download. Gary Orlow reported that not all the hospitals are up to speed and

information regarding this will be given at their next Nurse Managers meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Also we are waiting for the fire departments to get phones.

Dennis Cole reported we received the software from Sylvania Twp. In reading the material we found out that we needed a different server and one has been ordered. We also need information from the hospitals on how they want to receive the information, i.e, fax, computer. Will try to get a Phillips Tech at the Nurse Manager's meeting to explain how it will work.

Rigs – Chief Helminski asked if there has been any talk on getting new rigs. Gary Orlow reported they heard information from sales people on Fords. Gary reported some private ambulance companies having problems with the Ford 6.3. A discussion ensued regarding the different types of life squads, sway bars and tires. Dennis Cole reported budgeting on hold for vehicles with no extraneous spending right now.

Line Item – Al reported he would like any items anyone wants on the Line Item be submitted by next month's meeting. Al also mentioned that Bound Tree merged with Tri Anim and expenses will be going up. Dr. Lindstrom reported that he, Brent and Al will get together to discuss specific items that are gotten from sole source vendors and look at alternatives.

Auto Vents – Rich Ellet reported Maumee sent their auto vents out to be tested and found that tidal volume output was not matching the unit setting. Rich cited the need for auto vent inspection to check for problem system wide.

Vehicle accidents – Al reported he has recently received a number of phone calls from the county's risk management department asking about life squad accidents that he has no knowledge of. Al reported he needs to know when ever a life squad hits or gets hit to be told.

LP12 – Dennis Cole reported a life squad showed up at the Annex one day where a paramedic put the LP12 on the bottom step. Dennis asked the paramedics to put it on the shelf where it belongs. He asked the chiefs to review procedures with their paramedics.

Life Squad Safety – Rich Ellet reported he attended a conference where one of the speakers is an advocate on life squad safety. Rich reported it was an eye opening lecture. Rich mentioned there are no constraints to secure the ALS cabinet. He reported he secures the Life Pak with the seat belt. A discussion ensued. Dr. Lindstrom reported the priority is safety and approach from that direction. There are shoulder harness for the litter and a harness for the paramedic that are not used.

EPCR – Rich asked if there are extra tablets available if there is a failure. Brent reported Dispatch has one and there are two in administration.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting will be Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.