

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
Rich Ellett
Brian Dotson
David Gallaher
Chief Bill Wilkens
Ed Herrick
Chief Richard Helminski
James Fenn
Chad Premo

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Maumee Fire – LS7
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Sylvania Twp. Fire – LS6
Oregon Fire Dept.
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Springfield Twp. Fire
Flower Hospital Trauma
ProMedica

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Gary Orlow
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey

Emergency Services Director
EMS Manager
QI/QA
Communications Manager

ABSENT

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

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

Call to Order

Chief McNutt called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from August 11, 2008 meeting were available for review. A motion by Chief Helminski to accept the minutes was seconded by Ed Herrick. Minutes were approved as printed.

Training & QA

Brent Parquette reported there was no training over the summer. September's training will be a review of the trauma triage protocols. The biggest component change is the addition of a geriatric assessment component. The protocol has criteria for trauma center triage based upon age, physiologic and anatomic parameters and the appropriate transfer facilities. The paramedics will have skill stations with skills they don't get to perform very often in the field, (i.e., surgical cri., needle thoracentesis). Brent reported the first couple of classes went well.

Brent reported on the QA component citing October's CE will be the web portion of the EPCR. This will give the paramedics web access to open patient care reports that can be completed on a desktop computer. Also, Dr. Lindstrom can review the reports and make notes and e-mail it back to the paramedic.

Dennis Cole reported October's CE will be held in EOC center downstairs in the Emergency Services building due to the fact the Board of Elections is using the Training Center. Notices will be sent out and signage will be posted.

Old Business

Line Items –Al has received a few items to add to the list.

Chief Helminski inquired if the Easy IO and power cots have been asked for. It was reported yes for the Easy IO. Chief Helminski reported his department has purchased three of these power cots. He reported they are 20 pounds heavier and they are a 2 person lift no matter what and his personnel like them.

Life Squad Safety – Gary Orlow reported with the new KKK specs for ambulances, they have intensified safety. Safety is definitely being looked at more. Gary reported he did an inquiry of current manufacturers and they are putting netting on the ALS cabinets, which is not very expensive. They are also suggesting bases for the life paks where they could be locked in place. They are not always kept in the ALS cabinets and there is a danger not keeping them secured. The question was raised if the squads could be retrofitted for the netting and Dennis Cole reported it will be looked into.

Auto Vent – Gary Orlow reported they are gonna check on getting pricing for calibrations on Auto Vent servicing from St. Luke's.

Towing – Gary Orlow reported he is noticing lately there have been a number of tows on the life squads, which is a couple of hundred dollars. Gary mentioned he noticed towing from hospitals and this appears to be operator error. Paramedics turn off the vehicle, but not all the electronics and this drains the battery and this causes demand on vehicles. Gary asked this be emphasized the paramedics.

800 Radios – Brian Dotson asked if Swanton’s radio can be programmed so that we can communicate with them. He asked if they had the same program for the whole county. It was reported Fulton County received the same radios, but they will check to see if they have been programmed. Life Squads 9 and 10 reported the life squad can’t call/communicate with Swanton until they call them.

Rich Ellett asked if there was a time frame for the install of the radios and computers. Dennis Cole reported as of Friday, September 5th the radios are programmed and the computers are being tested with new chip. Assuming it goes well and we can swap out the chips we maybe able to start installation soon. Rich also asked if there will be AVL in the vehicles. Dennis reported the AVL will not be CAD integrated, it will be BIO Key navigator software. Dennis reported we purchased two licenses for the demo. There will be one for EMS and one for the sheriff. Dispatch will be able to see where the vehicles are. Dennis reported that we’re still working on how to connect the Dead Reckoning.

New Business

Brent reported they are looking at the King Airway as an alternative advance airway instead of the LMA depending on funding. He reported they will go ahead with the training next month which will involve looking at a video and practicing on mannequins. Brent reported whether we go through with the change or not, there are departments that use the King Airway and they will be familiar with it.

Brent reported on the date trial with the ResQGARD. To date there have been 23 uses with favorable outcomes. Advanced Circulatory System, on our behalf, has submitted an abstract which may be presented at the NAEMS conference in January in Florida.

Brent reported Dr. Lindstrom has been asked to consider becoming part of the ResQ Trial research program from Dr. Keith Lurie of Advanced Circulatory Systems. This is a National Institute Health clinical trial. The study compares survivability of regular CPR vs. active compression decompression (ACD) CPR + ResQPOD. The trial has been ongoing since October 2005 and runs through the end of 2009. There are currently six sites enrolled in the trial and they want to add Lucas County as the seventh. Funding will be available, and the company will conduct a “train the trainer” session which will involve all the first responders. The trial will involve one week of regular CPR and one week with the ACDC CPR + ResQPOD and will go every other week this way. Brent reported this would be a very unique opportunity, but right now it’s just in the preliminary discussion. The company will get approval from the FDA and the IRB and Dr. Lindstrom will contact the local hospitals IRBs. Input was asked from the chiefs present and they were in agreement and asked for a presentation at the next Fire Chief’s meeting being held September 24th at Oregon Station #1

Dennis reported they are doing some testing of the EPCRs. There have been problems with hard drives and IT people are trying a solid state drives to see how they perform.

Gary Orlow mentioned Captain Hull was retiring and all his involvement with all the committees and attendance and wanted to mention an appreciation for all he has done over the years.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, **October 20th** at 9:00 a.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.