

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 4, 2019

**Members Present:**

Chief Barry Cousino  
Dr. Chris Goliver  
Chief Mike Ramm  
Chief Brandon Loboschefski  
Dennis Cole

**Absent:**

Chief Dennis Hartman  
Chief Josh Hartbarger  
Mayor Michael Sefarian  
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Trustee Robert Bethel  
Megan Vahey-Casier  
Chief Mike Ramm  
Mayor Richard Carr  
Trustee John Jenewine  
Chief Kevin Bernhard  
Chief Brian Byrd  
Mayor Donald Atkinson  
David Lindstrom, M.D.

**Attendees:**

Ralph Shearn  
Pat Moomey  
Matt Heyrman  
Deputy Chief James Price  
Deputy Chief Don Murray  
Chief Tony Parasiliti  
Dr. Nick Sauber  
Dr. Tom Boggs  
Robert DeLeon

**Representing:**

Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Hospital Council/Syl Mercy EC  
Sylvania Twp. Fire  
Maumee Fire Department  
Lucas County Emergency Services Director

Oregon Fire Department  
Whitehouse Fire  
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor  
City of Toledo, CEO Mayor  
Springfield Twp. Trustee  
County Administrator  
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department  
Maumee  
Sylvania Twp. Trustee  
Lucas County Fire Chief's Association  
Toledo Fire  
Village of Whitehouse  
Lucas County Medical Director

LCEMS Dispatch Manager  
EMA Director  
Lucas County Commissioners  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Jerusalem Fire  
Jerusalem Fire  
Mercy System  
St. Luke's Hospital  
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## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Cousino at 8:31 a.m.

## **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the May 1, 2019 meeting were distributed to review. A motion by Dr. Goliver and seconded by Chief Ramm to accept the minutes as written.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Paramedic Committee**

Chief Ramm reported on the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and said he was not in attendance for the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and that Dr. Lindstrom chaired the meeting.

### **Medical Committee**

Chief Cousino reported on the June 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> meetings.

### **CE Update**

Brent was not in attendance. Dennis reported the paramedics were off June, July and August. September is on ACLS.

### **EMS Billing**

August brought in \$320,038.18 and year to date is \$2,459,687.34. We are \$107,000 over based on same time last year, but expect to be short of the \$3.8 budgeted.

### **2020 Budget**

Dennis provided a draft budget and reported this was submitted to the County in August. Dennis also reported the budget included one vehicle next year.

Chief Loboschefska asked, in regard to consolidation, what part(s) of this budget is affected. Matt reported 1.3 million, mostly salary employees, OPERS, Worker's comp and FICA. This would begin a year and a half down the road.

Chief Loboschefska asked if the medication costs under line 122 can be reduced based on changes that we are making to the ALS boxes? Dennis reported we have not made any significant reductions and we need to realize the savings before we account for it. Only three ALS boxes were removed. Also, we have the most State Board of Pharmacy licenses in Ohio.

Chief Loboschefski reported they were moving away from the County for the ALS boxes. Chief Ramm reported they were doing the same starting the first of the year. Dennis reported Vicki is tracking the medications separately now.

Chief Loboschefski asked about new life squads. Dennis reported there two on order for this year. Chief Loboschefski asked if there is any change in the type of vehicle. Dennis reported not at this time. There is a cost and maintenance benefit to having the same vehicles in the fleet.

Chief Loboschefski reported the McCoy Miller has had a lot of problems. Chief Ramm commented the Hortons have problems.

Chief Price commented Toledo Fire has AEVs, 2010 – 2012 and they are sticking with this brand.

Chief Cousino they have McCoy Miller F550 Ford Chassis and they don't have issues with their first responder vehicles.

Chief Loboschefski said there is cost savings with small chassis.

A discussion of vehicles and issues.

Dennis reported we lost our primary life squad mechanic.

### **Open Discussion**

State Board of Pharmacy – Dennis said we met with the State Board of Pharmacy inspectors at St. Charles Hospital twice. After their first visit, they wanted to have another visit to bring out a specialist to approve the vending machines. The specialist was fine with the vending machine except they would like the dispenser cover to lock when the machine is not being used to prevent a passerby to reach in and taking something inadvertently left in the dispenser. They asked about putting controlled medications in them, but the inspectors did not provide an answer. Their concern is if someone left something in bottom and then anyone could access the item. There was a long discussion dealing with oxygen and that we can't do the cascade process. They said we would be considered a manufacturer, which involves a significant amount of regulatory requirements. We are exploring the options to have the vendor fill and deliver all of our bottles.

Chief Cousino reported their department went to that process two years ago.

Chief Parasiliti said that the County should make sure to have the handles with the cylinders in the bid.

Dennis reported another issue the Board of Pharmacy has with us is how we are wasting medications in that they do not want the medications in sharps containers.

Pulse Point – Chief Price asked about the status of the May 1<sup>st</sup> Pulse Point grant.

Chief Loboschefski reported when he talked to a Pulse Point rep and the grant was 10 days away and they were short in putting in for the grant. Chief said he wants to come up with a community push out for the Pulse Point.

Dennis reported it costs \$13,000 a year for this app, which has been paid this year. Dennis reported Brent said only half of the people that downloaded the app have the CPR component turned on. People are using it for incident notification not to support early CPR. Dennis said we do not see the value in the program if people are not responding to a CPR needed event.

Chief Loboschefski there is the failure to push it out to the public and that the county should have a community push out event. Matt reported Mark Ryder is the County PIO and he will reach out to him about this. He asked if we could provide a copy of the report to him.

Chief Cousino reported, whenever they have CPR classes they push out Pulse Point i.e. the Red Cross.

ESO – Dr. Sauber asked if the proposal of chiefs and medical directors would be able to review reports. Dennis reported that we support the solution provided by ESO.

Chief Mike George – Chief Cousino reported Chief George of the Air Nation Guard had passed away this past week.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25. The next Policy Board meeting will be November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.