

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
Rich Ellett
Chief Richard Helminski
Jeff Nissen
Acting Captain Ken Kantura
Kenan Mylander
Mickie Lukenda
Rob Martin
Billie DeShetler
Starr Stockton

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Maumee Fire – LS7
Springfield Twp. Fire – LS 10
Oregon Fire – LS8
Toledo Fire
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
ProMedica
Life Flight
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Pat Moomey
Brent Parquette

Emergency Services Director
EMS Dispatch
QA/QI

ABSENT

Gina Shubeta
Robert Kendrick

Sherry Watson
Jodi Livecchi
Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Chief Charles Flack
Brian Dotson
Matt Homik
Mark Briggs

Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire – LS5
Sylvania Twp – LS6
Nurse Manager – Flower EC
Springfield Twp – LS10
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Jerusalem Twp. Fire
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Monclova Twp. Fire
Ottawa Hills

Call to Order

Chief McNutt called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from December 8, 2008 meeting were available for review. Rich Ellett made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Chief Helminski, Motion carried

Training & QA

Brent reported comments from December's CE were available to review. Brent reported December's CE covered the King Airway, Case Reviews and the web portion of the EPCR. Brent reported the web portion is not up yet because he's trying to capture signatures of some of the paramedics.

Brent reported January's CE is on pediatric scenarios. Brent reported he revised the pediatric protocol, Tab 1100, which will be introduced this month at CE. Also the paramedics will be introduced to the saline locks.

Brent reported February's CE will be on adult respiratory distress, i.e. COPD and CHF and the use of CPAP.

Dr. Lindstrom reported anecdotal QA reports in looking at the volume of medication consumption and utilization. Dr. Lindstrom wanted it emphasized the need to get data in the EPCR so we can extract information for a variety of reasons.

Rich Ellett made the comment regarding the dispatching of a life squad on geriatric injuries, citing the geriatric protocol and criteria for the dispatch and being cancelled. Pat Moomey reported the dispatchers had an addition placed on their EMD cards that a geriatric trauma, 70 years old and hit head is a life squad dispatch.

Dr. Lindstrom reported the State's finding that on elderly fall with head injury is a leading source of trauma cases. A discussion ensued regarding changing in the dispatch protocol

Old Business

Rich Ellett asked if there has been any movement on eliminating the second med box. Brent reported he is still working on it and has been waiting for input and that he has not received any to date.

Chief Helminski reported LS10 does not use the second med box. The paramedics inventory it once a month. Jeff Nissen reported LS8 only uses the Glucagon from the back up med box.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he called the State Board of Pharmacy regarding keeping medications in the action area, but has not heard back. Dr. Lindstrom thought they would be lenient on non controlled medications. Dr. Lindstrom reported we want to move ahead and suggested a sub-committee be developed comprising of one or two representatives from Toledo and one or two representatives from the outlying areas to get it done. Ken Kantura and Rich Ellett volunteered.

Toledo Fire paramedics suggested nebulizers, first round of ACLS medications, Narcan and Glucagon to be kept in the Action area. A discussion ensued.

Brent reported he is looking at the adjustable C collar and waiting on a response from the representative to see if we can do a complete changeover.

Brent also reported the Cardizem issue has been resolved. We are not going to store the Cardizem in the refrigerators. At the cost of \$2.00 a bottle, it's cheaper for us to change over every 30 days. The Annex will change the medications out in the Hospital Supply Cabinets every 30 days.

Dennis Cole reported the data computers are still dropping/disconnecting. Motorola will be working on them Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They will be around to the different stations looking at them. Dennis also reported the mapping part is set aside for right now until the disconnect problem is resolved. The priority is to fix the disconnect problem.

New Business

Rich Ellett asked if it is possible to isolate the radio speaker in the back from the front. Rich reported on an incident where a family member of the patient was sitting up front and was able to hear what was said to the hospital. Bob Carrisalez from the Sheriff's CCS was asked the question and he will look into it.

Starr Stockton asked if the ResQPOD videos were made and available. Brent reported yes, they were sent to Barb Aldrich to forward.

Kenan Mylander invited the paramedics to observe a catherizations being done at St. Vincents. (attached is the contact information)

Open Discussion

Dr. Lindstrom reported the coroner's office will always make paramedics or any health care provider available to watch an autopsy that is involved in a case they are doing a post on. Dr. Lindstrom said there are two ways to do it. (1) call beforehand or (2) just show up the next day. Dr. Lindstrom reported if a paramedic wants to waive out of a CE in lieu of the autopsy, to call him.

The question was raised if there were slides or videos from the Coroner's office to be shown. Dr. Lindstrom reported he has asked, but they are reluctant to release any kind of media from their department.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

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



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