

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2009

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
Captain Ken Kantura
Ed Herrick
Billie DeShetler
Rich Ellett
Jeff Nissen
Brian Dotson
Chief Rick Helminski
Kenan Mylander
Mickie Lukenda

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
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Maumee Fire – LS7
Oregon Fire – LS8
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Springfield Twp. Fire Dept.
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
ProMedica

STAFF

Dennis Cole
David A. Lindstrom, M.D.
Gary Orlow
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey

Emergency Services Director
Medical Director
EMS Manager
QA/QI
Communications Manager

ABSENT

Dan Desmond

Toledo Fire – LS5
Toledo Fire – LS4
Toledo Fire – LS3
Toledo Fire – LS2
Toledo Fire - LS1
Sylvania Twp – LS6
Nurse Manager – Flower EC
Springfield Twp – LS10
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Jerusalem Twp. Fire
Monclova Twp. Fire
Ottawa Hills

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

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from June 8, 2009 meeting were available for review. Ed Herrick made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Brian Dotson, Motion carried

Training

Brent reported the Comments and evaluations from June are available for review. June's CE had DNR issues and central venous access. September's CE is ACLS, which is going well with 8 hour sessions. They are also covering cardiac arrest patients with the use of the ResQPOD. The paramedics were told of the ROSC rates in the field.

Rich Ellett voiced a concern with UTMC's doctors and the county's CHF protocol with the use of Catapril in lieu of Lasix. They are consistently told to hold off the Catapril.

Rich Ellett also informed the committee they cannot transmit EKGs because of their cell phone and if affects the door to cath times on STEMI patients.

Brent reported there are other departments having this same issue and there is a meeting scheduled this week with Metronic to discuss other options. We are unable to obtain replacement cell phones with data chips.

It was also reported UTMC's receiving computer is out.

Brent reported he was asked by UTMC and Toledo Fire to put on a PEPP Provider Course. The dates are November 2nd and November 5th. These are 8 hour days. If anyone is interested, let him know.

Old Business

Ken Kantura asked if the vehicle subcommittee have met yet. Gary Orlow reported not yet. Gary also mentioned Toledo will be receiving several of the next rigs purchased. Gary mentioned if anyone is interested in being on the committee let him know.

Rich Ellett inquired if the new lift assist cots would be spec'd out with the new rigs. Gary reported no, but they are on the "wish list" for next year.

Rich mentioned Maumee had a demo made by Stryker on the Lift Assist Cot. They guarantee reduction of back injuries for the first year. They also have a "Smart" battery to extend the battery life.

Dennis reported we are looking at putting the air conditioner on top of the cab.

Gary Orlow reported there is a push for the medium duty rigs and there will probably be in short supply and with a big demand we will be standing in line with a lot of people. Gary mentioned the problems with GM are cured to an extent. Small air compressor not a problem with medium duty. Gary said he would be interested in products that the paramedics would like us to consider.

Open Discussion

Dr. Lindstrom reported with the H1N1 vaccine to be administered is not in the scope of practice for paramedics. The Governor can make a declaration that it can be added if necessary. There will be a training module when the declaration occurs. The vaccine will be made available mid October and the media is reporting it looks sufficient or coverage and one shot will work. We will follow the recommendation of the CDC. It is found the death rate higher in young children/adults. It's recommended to vaccinate school age, college students, young adults, pregnant women and health care workers.

Gary Orlow reported EMS is having growing pains with the billing. We are focusing more in CE. We have learned from the billing company the paramedics are inadequate in a couple of places, narratives, addresses incomplete, patient information and location from pick-up. County residents do not directly receive bills, but those residing outside the county do get a bill.

Rich Ellett asked if it was possible to have the collection of face sheets in a lock box in the hospital lockers. It was reported it will be looked into.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, **October 19th** at 9:00 a.m. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.