

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2010

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino
Chief Daryl McNutt
Chief Rick Monto
Jeff Kowalski for Chief Welsh
Acting Chief Paul Mullen
David Lindstrom, M.D.

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department
Whitehouse Fire Department
Maumee Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
LCEMS Medical Director

Absent:

Mayor Tim Wagener
Mayor Michael Seferian
Mayor Michael Bell
Leslie Kohli

Chief Kevin Bernhard
Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Chief Mike Wolever
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Dennis Cole

City of Maumee, CEO Mayor
City of Oregon, CEO Mayor
City of Toledo, CEO Mayor
Springfield Twp. CEO
Sylvania Twp. CEO
Lucas County Fire Chief's Assoc.
Hospital Council/St. Luke's
Toledo Fire & Rescue
Village of Whitehouse CEO
Emergency Services

Attendees:

Pat Moomey
Jonathon Ziehr
Brent Parquette
Captain Jeff Romstadt
Chief Jim Sedlar
Dr. Todd Brookens
Jack Morash
Steve Memsic
Justin Bage
David Miramontes, M.D.
Tammy Kovacs
Kent Appelhans
Ed Herrick

LCEMS Communications Manager
LCEMS CE
LCEMS QA/QA/CE
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Ottawa Hills Fire Department
ProMedica
ProMedica
MedCorp Ambulance
MedCorp Ambulance
Toledo Fire/Mercy Partners
LifeStar Ambulance
LifeStar Ambulance
Toledo Fire & Rescue

Call to Order

Chief Cousino reported he is sitting for Dr. Crawford today. Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The minutes from the March 3, 2010 meeting were distributed to review. A motion was made by Chief Monto to approve the minutes which was seconded by Jeff Kowalski. Minutes were approved as printed.

Committee Reports:

Medical Committee

Chief Cousino reported the Medical Committee met April 5th. Topics of discussion were CE, attendance and the pre registration process. Dr. Lindstrom reported on the training session for a mass casualty disaster module which should be done in late 2010 or early 2011. Dr. Lindstrom reported on inventory control process relating to medications. He is awaiting the draft policy created by the Fire Chiefs to review. An ePCR update was given.

Dr. Lindstrom discussed the field trials he and Brent are working on. Currently the use of the CirQlator and future use of a c-collar which will have cold packs to be used in conjunction with the ICE protocol to help augment the cooling process. The next Medical Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7th at 8:30 a.m.

Paramedic Committee

Chief McNutt reported that the committee had met March 8th. Chief McNutt reported the committee discussed a lot of the same topics the Medical Committee reported on. An issue that was brought up was the slowness of the ePCR with the new updates. There was also a discussion on the need for new defibrilators. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th.

CE Update

Jon Ziehr reported last month's CE topic was PEPP. The PEPP cards should be going out at the end of April. April's topic is Respiratory Emergencies and May will be on heat emergencies and drownings. Jon reported there are 320 paramedics taking CE and there has been an additional class added. The first week of CE, barring a "credit card" course, will have three sessions, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the following weeks will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Chief Sedlar asked about CE print outs for the paramedics. Brent reported they have been done, but not all paramedics have received them.

Zoll Update

Brent reported we are still in the midst of the update. All the InMotion devices are in all the life squads. Life Squads 6 through 10 as well as Life Squad 1 have updated ePCR software. Brent reported yes we are aware that the tablets are running much slower. Brent reported he and Bob Boyd are going to a Zoll Data Summit next week and a lot of issues will be discussed.

Open Discussion

The question was raised if we would have saved money to bid the life squads rather than using state term schedule. No answer was given. Jeff Kowalski asked will two more be ordered in the fall. Dr. Lindstrom reported budget permitting.

Jeff Kowalski commented their vehicle has had a lot of maintenance issues and he would be interested in the maintenance expense.

Jeff Romstadt asked if the upgrades/updates are creating issues with the tablets being slower why are we continuing to move forward. Brent reported once they started the change they have to continue so they will be able to get future upgrades.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he wanted the chiefs to be aware the DEA is actively interested in what physicians are doing regarding control of narcotics. The DEA will fine doctors if the system is not adequate. Dr. Lindstrom reported he has done spot checking in Toledo and is encouraged with the records kept. Dr. Lindstrom reported on the expectation of daily inventory and the signing off of on-going or off-going personnel.

Dr. Lindstrom reported there is only one way to destroy a narcotic that has been broken and not used and that it is to be put in an evidence bag through chain of command and then it is to be given to the Annex. A letter is sent to the State Board of Pharmacy notifying them asking for a destruction of the drug(s). A letter will be sent back from the Board giving the okay along with the number of drugs to be destroyed. Once this process is complete a letter is sent to the Board to report it has been done.

Dr. Lindstrom reported the only time a paramedic can waste medication is when they give a portion to a patient and then destroy it in front of their partner.

Dr. Lindstrom reported we need to be diligent about this and he will review the Fire Chiefs' draft policy.

Dr. Lindstrom also mentioned he will need written documentation on the loss from those departments that had an incident before they will receive replacement.

Jeff Kowalski brought up the discussion of printers being down at Toledo and Flower EC.

Brent reported after the paramedics trouble shoot why they are not able to print, there is a fax option programmed in the ePCR. Brent said to let him know when printing errors occur and it will be checked out.

Dr. Lindstrom reported the fax machines located in the hospital EC's are HIPPA compliant. Dr. Lindstrom also reported that when a report is faxed from the tablet to the copier it will say draft. Only when the report is complete can the hospital access it from the server.

Dr. Miramontes reported the printers at the hospitals are their equipment, print cartridges and paper and the only thing that belongs to the county is the blue tooth connection.

Captain Romstadt mentioned there was an incident where a private ambulance refused transport of a patient and asked if this had been looked into.

Dr. Lindstrom reported Dennis is looking into this.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53a.m. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 5th, at 8:30 a.m.**