

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2012

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Dr. Daniel Schwerin  
John Barnes  
Scott Glick, D.O.  
Kim Hood  
Lt. Matthew Viertlbeck  
Captain Mark Benadum  
Tony Santiago  
Jeff Koenigseker  
Julie Rogers  
Chad Premo  
Battalion Chief Sally Glombowski  
Allison Armstrong  
Holly Bennett  
Jennifer Pasztor

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire  
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital  
180<sup>th</sup> ANGB  
St. Vincent EM Resident  
TFD EMS Bureau  
TFD EMS Bureau  
TFD EMS Bureau  
TFD – LS4  
TFD – LS3  
Mercy  
ProMedica  
TFD  
TFD – LS1  
TFD – LS2  
St. Vincent Mercy ER

STAFF

Dennis Cole  
Dr. David Lindstrom  
Brent Parquette  
Pat Moomey

Emergency Services Director  
Medical Director  
QA/QI  
Communications Manager

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS1  
Toledo Fire – LS2  
Toledo Fire - LS3  
Toledo Fire – LS5  
Maumee Fire – LS7  
Oregon Fire – LS8  
Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
Springfield Fire – LS10  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Chief Charles Flack

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chief Kowalski.

**Minute Approval**

The minutes from October 15, 2012 meeting were available for review. Mark Benadum made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Matt Viertlbeck. The minutes were approved as written.

## **Training**

Brent reported the compiled comments from October's CE were available for review. October's CE introduced the paramedics to the Morgan Lens and chest tube monitoring for the expansion of the National Curriculum. November's CE has Blood Product Administration, Infectious Diseases and drownings. Brent reported Aislinn did a wonderful job presenting the Infectious Diseases portion of the CE. Brent mentioned there was a game introduced for the Blood Product Administration, which the paramedics liked. There are no classes in December and the 2013 class schedule is out on the website and no topics listed. January, February and March will have the topics needed for National Registry. September will have ACLS.

## **QA**

Dr. Lindstrom reported there have been a couple individual incidents which were reviewed with the different departments. Also, reviewing with Dispatch and Pat some cases.

## **Old Business**

Brent reported the CPAP and EZ IO were distributed in October as well as the ID bands for OB and newborn patients. Dr. Lindstrom reported there are three bands with identical numbers, in case of twins.

Dr. Schwerin asked if all the first responders will have the training for the CPAP. Brent reported only the paramedics have the training, not the basics. Dr. Lindstrom reported we focus on paramedic training and the paramedics on the first responders.

Allison Armstrong reported the blue intubation kit doesn't fit in the O<sup>2</sup> green bag and it's being stored by the ALS equipment.

Allison reported she was not at the last meeting and there was discussion regarding the twenty minute in service and she questioned where the version of the time starts? Pat Moomey reported when paramedics report transport complete at the hospital. Dr. Lindstrom said if the hospital is not compliant with taking over the patient that we need to know.

Allison inquired if there is any more intention to discuss this issue or only when it gets brought up? Dr. Lindstrom said we are trying to make this as efficient as possible for the next patient.

Kim Hood asked if the time could start once the hospital has accepted the patient. Dr. Lindstrom reported the advantage of the paramedic's arrival at the hospital is defined.

Jeff Koenigseker reported he was at a EMS conference where it was mentioned the time started the time when the patient was transferred to the staff. When asked if there was supporting documentation as an industry standard, he stated no it was an informed discussion.

Tony Santiago asked what is the criteria to be a better the system. Would another life squad improve resources. Dennis Cole reported the Policy Board has a subcommittee looking at the design.

Chief Kowlaski asked if the Versed is out to the first responders. It was reported no. Brent reported there is the issue of storage, responsibility, accountability and the differences from one department to another and we are trying to create a protocol to cover everything.

### **New Business**

Dr. Lindstrom reported there is a smart phone app out there for drug shortages. A pharmacology guru designed an app to look at this and it's free. It shows things like supply chain issues and container issues.

### **Open Discussion**

Jennifer Pasztor started to bring up the issue of receiving and OB patient when Dr. Schwerin told her this issue was addressed that is the reason for the new bands.

Dennis Cole reported Flower Hospital lockers were found to be unlocked and St. Luke's lockers had quite a few supplies missing. Dennis asked to let the paramedics know they need to keep lockers locked. Also, AI had a couple of life squads over at the Annex and noted they were overstocked of supplies. Dennis asked administrations of the different departments to let the paramedics know not to do this.

Dr. Lindstrom reported every drug a paramedic uses including O<sup>2</sup> and IV are prescription controlled. Dr. Lindstrom said paramedics are expected to be diligent in controlling access to medical lockers and keeping them locked.

Jennifer Pasztor reported paramedics are taking linen supplies from their linen cart instead of the Linen cabinet. She asked paramedics why they were doing this to be told they did not have a key FOB. Jennifer said paramedics can ask for additional key FOBs if necessary. Also, they can ask to have their cabinets open.

Dr. Schwerin introduced doctors completing their two year block of EMS, Dr. Michael Petit, Dr. Julie Rogers and Dr. Bobby Ford.

Matt Viertlbeck introduced himself as the new 122 for TFD.

Tony Santiago directed a question to Dr. Lindstrom citing an incident where a patient had fallen, been drinking that had no complaints and transported to a hospital with no c-collar. Dr. Lindstrom stated paramedics cannot clear c-spine if a patient is intoxicated. Dr. Lindstrom reported we have had some issues when c-spine protocol is not followed. Dr. Lindstrom said patients with head injuries or alcohol are not to be cleared.

Allison said full spinal immobilization is recommended from emergency physicians, but what about patients that won't tolerate laying down, they have nausea or can't breathe there is no provision regarding this.

Dr. Lindstrom reported airway position comes first, but these are rare occurrences and to immobilize patients in a position that they can tolerate.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.