

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2013

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski
Dr. Daniel Schwerin
John Barnes
Lt. Kim Hood
Lt. Matthew Viertlbeck
Captain Mark Benadum
Richard Ellett
Rod Standiford
Chief Mark Mullins
Chief Rick Helminski
Jeff Hibbard
Dr. Todd Brookens
Nicole Knepper
Chad Premo
Cheryl Herr, R.N.

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
180th ANGB
TFD EMS Bureau
TFD EMS Bureau
TFD EMS Bureau
LS 7 – Maumee Fire
LS 6 - Sylvania
Oregon Fire
Springfield Fire
LS 9 – Whitehouse Fire
ProMedica
MSCH
ProMedica
ED Managers/Great Lakes Emergency
Nurses

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Dr. David Lindstrom
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Jon Ziehr

Emergency Services Director
Medical Director
QA/QI
Communications Manager
CE Program Administrator

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS1
Toledo Fire – LS2
Toledo Fire - LS3
Toledo Fire – LS5
Oregon Fire – LS8
Springfield Fire – LS10
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Chief Charles Flack

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Chief Kowalski.

Minute Approval

The minutes from January 14th meeting were available for review. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

Training

Jon Zier reported February's CE Brent is presenting 12-Lead EKG review and he is presenting Thrombolytic Therapy on the game piece. But this will not be done in the field. PEEP (Positive End Expiratory Pressure) will be done in March. This procedure will not be done in the field, it's a topic needed to be covered for the National Curriculum update. Also there will be a general overview of all the protocols. There won't be a written test, but a game piece.

QA

Dr. Lindstrom reported he continues to have occasional cases in which he deals with the departments. Dr. Lindstrom reported there was a QA meeting with Dispatch reviewing random sample of cases with review of the cards and call handling techniques. Dr. Lindstrom said we are biding time until the new CAD arrives and the electronic cards.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he will be meeting and orienting with some new paramedics from Toledo, Springfield and Sylvania.

Old Business

Versed – Chief Kowalski asked about Versed. Dr. Lindstrom reported we are tweaking the protocol.

Etomidate – Dr. Lindstrom reported we got registered with Heritage and are using them as a third source for shortages. We were able to get Etomidate.

Power Lift Cots – Lt. Viertlbeck reported no real issue with these cots and it's going well. Matt reported they did have an issue with the bariatric cot in that it did not fit in the Rescue Unit. The problem did get solved.

New Business

Brent reported he has been working with Physio and the Life Net Program for the 12-Lead and has exhausted all resources. In talking with the hospitals, Bay Park and Flower will be dropped and are not going to continue. St. Vincent is the only hospital that has paid their bill.

Cheryl Herr commented there was a glitch at St. Luke's with the process and it is being rectified.

Rich Ellett asked if the paramedics will be told ahead of time regarding transmission portion if the hospital does not have the capability.

ETI – Dennis Cole reported the program now prints.

Open Discussion

Dr. Brookens reported Flower Hospital will no longer be a trauma hospital as of April 26th.

Rod Standiford reported there is a growing frustration in Sylvania regarding some of our transport decisions. He said they are expected to give high level of care to their patients and some patients are not ending up at the right destination as it relates to trauma patients. He cited they have to take cardiac arrest patients to a STEMI hospital. Rod asked if there is a way to transport a trauma arrest to a trauma hospital, knowing the protocol states a trauma arrest patient goes to the closest hospital. Dr. Lindstrom reported this is not the thinking of the trauma surgeons.

Rich Ellett reported sometimes they are sent out on traumas and the patient doesn't necessarily meet criteria and they get St. Luke's as med control. Rich cited an incident and mechanism of injury, life squad transport and had to ask for bypass permission.

Dr. Lindstrom reported if the patient did not meet adult intermediate/major trauma, mechanism of injury is just a part of the story. The paramedics give their report to the physicians, and it's up to the doctor to decide. The first words out of the paramedic to Dispatch should be they have an adult intermediate/major trauma and then they will be given the appropriate destination.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he presented a lecture to the Academy of Medicine a synopsis of the EMS system for the past 10-12 years and the accomplishments.

Chad Premo reported there was a Winter Disaster Drill held in Port Clinton over the weekend with the Coast Guard in a joint exercise with a number of departments around the area. They deployed a mobile field hospital. Chad reported it takes approximately 3-4 hours on scene to be fully operational. Chad said there are two units in Lucas County, one at UTMC and one is housed at ProMedica's Fleet facility. This portable field hospital is provided through the Hospital Council. This field hospital has only been used for exercises and this past exercise was to check on the new heaters. Chad also mentioned the intent was through the EMA process as a state resource.

Chief Helminski asked if the information on the portable field hospital will be disseminated to all the fire chiefs and other interested parties.

Chad also mentioned the field hospital will be set up in May at Camp Miakonda for staff and anyone interested.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, March 11th at 9:00 a.m.