

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2008

Members Present

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D. (St. Luke's)
Chief Rick Monto
Chief Daryl McNutt
Mayor Angela Kuhn
Mayor Marge Brown
Chief Bill Wilkens
Pam Hanley
Chief Fred Welsh
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole

Representing

Hospital Council
Maumee Fire Dept.
Whitehouse Fire
Whitehouse CEO
City of Oregon, CEO
Oregon Fire
Sylvania Twp. CEO
Sylvania Twp. Fire Chief
LCEMS Medical Director
Emergency Services Director

Absent:

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner
Chief Mike Wolever
Chief Kevin Bernhard
I. Kohli
Chief Barry Cousino
Mayor Tim Wagener
Mike Beazley

City of Toledo, CEO
City of Toledo Fire Chief
Lucas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Springfield Twp., CEO
Springfield Twp. Fire Chief
City of Maumee, CEO
County Administrator

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Gary Orlow
Chief Jim Sedlar
Dr. Todd Brookens
Lt. Ed Herrick
Captain Bill Hull
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Kent Appelhans
Jack Morasch
Assistant Chief Tom Eisel
Ron Craig
Jim Martin

QA/QI
EMS Manager
Ottawa Hills Fire
ProMedica
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Whitehouse Fire
Life Star Ambulance
ProMedica
Sylvania Twp. Fire
MedCorp
Local 92 President

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting called to order by Dr. Crawford at 8:32 a.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2008 in the Emergency Services Building.

1) **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the January 2, 2008 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by Chief Monto and seconded by Mayor Brown to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

2) **Medical Committee Report**

Dr. Brookens reported this committee met on Monday, February 4th. Items discussed were CE topics and classes, EPCR training issues, QA reports, configurations of an ALS bag, a Hypothermia presentation to be held February 12th at Navy Bistro, Respironic masks, MAD device for nasal administration of certain medications, Toledo BLS transport reports to Toledo hospital and the lack of content and Phillips LP and the ability to capture the data. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7th at 8:30 a.m.

3) **Paramedic Committee Report**

Chief McNutt reported this committee met January 14th. Chief McNutt reported they also covered some of the same topics the Medical Committee discussed. One of the highlights of the meeting was the transmission of LP information through cell phones. Chief McNutt reported there was a meeting in Findlay discussing this. Findlay will be forced to go from analog to digital. Also discussed were the Phillips LP and AEDS. CPAP was discussed so field personnel and hospitals are using the same mask. Also discussed was the supply issue at Bay Park and the billing issue. CE topics were reported on as well. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 9:00 a.m.

4) **Open Discussion**

Gary Orlow reported EMS will be talking to the nurse managers to offer the hospitals training for five staff members to have the ability to obtain reports on the EPCR.

Dennis Cole reported he is awaiting on the private ambulance companies contracts. Jack Morasch reported ProMedica is in acceptance of the terms and will be forwarding it.

Dennis reported the two new life squads have arrived but some modifications needed to be done.

Mayor Brown said she noticed Dr. Crawford commented at the last meeting that Lucas County is one of the last areas in the state to do billing. Dr. Crawford reported discussion ensued about billing 2008. We have to prepare the information data sheets showing why and where the money is needed because that piece is more important than the actual billing. To have everything in black and white to bring to the commissioners with the numbers and whys. Dr. Crawford reported to research this topic, anyone can go to the internet and look up EMS billing in the state of Ohio. Dennis noted the billing component would have to also be installed in the EPCR.

Chief McNutt inquired about Mike Beazley's attendance to these committee meetings representing the commissioners. Dennis Cole reported that is busy with the arena and budget issues and that he gets the minutes and issues are discussed. Dennis reported Mr. Beazley is comfortable with the direction the committee is taking.

Dr. Crawford suggested writing Mr. Beazley a letter telling him of what we are doing as well as a time table.

Chief Monto inquired about the back up rigs citing Maumee had to change over four (4) times in one day. Dennis reported we have a policy to check the rigs routinely and we keep on top of them just like the front line vehicles. They get PM regularly as the front line.

Chief McNutt asked if there was money in the budget to replace the back up rigs. Dennis reported the Commissioners put money in the budget to resource two more vehicles. However, there are still budgetary concerns that need to be resolved before we commit to purchasing vehicles.

Gary Orlow reported EMS had some personnel actions. One of our dispatchers retired and one was hired and one was promoted.

5 Adjournment and Next Meeting

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting is schedule for March 5, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.