

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2008

Members Present

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

Representing

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

Absent:

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner
Chief Mike Wolever
Chief Kevin Bernhard
I. Kohli
Mayor Tim Wagener
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Mike Beazley

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

Attendees:

Brent Parquette
Gary Orlow
Pat Moomey
Chief Jim Sedlar
Captain Bill Hull
Chief Brian Byrd
Ed Herrick
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Tammy Kovacs
Kent Appelhans
Assistant Chief Tom Eisel
David Miramontes, M.D.
Jeff Lowenstein
Jeff Kish
Mike Kigar

LCEMS QA/QI
LCEMS Manager
LCEMS Communications Manager
Ottawa Hills Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Whitehouse Fire
Life Star
Life Start
Sylvania Twp. Fire
St. Vincent Medical Center
MedCorp
Rumpf Ambulance
ProMedica

The LCEMS Policy Board meeting called to order at 8:32 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2008 in the Emergency Services Building.

1) **Minute Approval**

The minutes from the March 5, 2008 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by Chief Monto and seconded by Chief McNutt to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

2) **Medical Committee Report**

No meeting to report. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2008. Dr. Crawford reported a neurologist from MCO approached her regarding speaking to the Medical Committee about strokes. He wants to give information to what's available for these types of patients.

3) **Paramedic Committee Report**

Chief McNutt reported the committee met March 10th. Training issues discussed. PEPP class was talked about and protocols. Brent reported PEPP will be starting this month. Also the introduction of the ResQGard on the street. The ResQGard was used for the first time Tuesday, April 1st

There was a discussion on the new rigs and the air horn reservoir. Gary Orlow reported he spoke to the manufacturer and these rigs were spec'd with a larger reservoir, but they still have some limitations. Gary reported they will be checked to see if they are properly set up. It was also noted that there parking issues at Toledo Hospital under the canopy. This issue was given to Dr. Lindstrom to follow up. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14th at 9:00 a.m.

4) **CE**

Brent reported May's training is on Hypothermia. The paramedics will be given scenarios showing the use of the supplies that will be used as well as the introduction of the new medications. Dr. Lindstrom wants to institute this procedure June 1st.

5) **Transfer of old Life Squads**

Gary Orlow reported there are two old life squads to donate. Requests were received from Providence and Washington Twp. Fire Departments for use as medical transports. He is recommends the fire departments receive the vehicles. Requests for the vehicles were also received from Penta County and Oregon Police. A motion by Mayor Brown and seconded by Chief Monto agree with the recommendation of these vehicles to go to Providence and Washington Twp. Fire Departments receive these vehicles.

6) **Private Ambulance Contract**

Gary Orlow discussed the private ambulance contract draft revisions. In Section 6, the BLS transport charge would go from \$500 to \$550 and the mileage would increase from \$10.00 to \$12.50. In Section 7, an ALS charge would go from \$650 to \$715.00 per run and mileage would also go to \$12.50. Section 8 discusses closure of locations during low usage period. Section 19 deals with advertising. Gary reported the companies requested that their phone numbers be allowed on their vehicles.

Jay Lowenstein commented he thought Section 19 (limitations on advertising) should not be in the contract. He reported that no other areas that they have ambulances require this.

Gary Orlow reported there is a procedure in Dispatch regarding if a private citizen requests for a private ambulance in the case of a refusal and dispatch has that capability. Mayor Brown asked where the private ambulance companies were located and were there any in Oregon. It was reported that information wasn't available due to the number of locations, but there weren't any in Oregon.

Dennis Cole reported three of the four companies are in agreement with the contract revisions. Dennis asked for opinions so he can bring this contract back to the commissioners. In the meantime the current contract with the current prices is still in force. Mayor Brown reported these are private companies and since there are three (3) out of the four (4) are in agreement, that it should be the majority rules and made a motion to accept the contract. Chief Monto moved to accept. Dr. Crawford acknowledged MedCorp's concerns, but noted our responsibility to ensure that the appropriate and closest resources respond. A very lengthy discussion ensued. Gary Orlow also gave a history of how this evolved when the commissioners took over EMS in 1993. Mayor Brown and Chief Monto withdrew their motion and this discussion is tabled.

7) Open Discussion

Mayor Brown brought up the discussion of LS 8's coverage in Oregon as well as in Jerusalem Twp. and the county pulling it into Toledo. She said she would like to ask "the powers that be" not to take LS 8 out of Oregon or help fund a second unit. Dennis Cole reported the county does not have the money to fund another unit. Dennis reported we do not pull LS 8 out of Oregon unless it's necessary and we try to use the private ambulance companies first. Dennis explained when resources are short we have to move units to support the highest probability of the next call. Dennis suggested a conversation with Jerusalem chief regarding their transport unit's availability.

8) Adjournment and Next Meeting

With no further business, Mayor Brown moved to adjourned and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m. The next meeting is schedule for May 7, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.