

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2019

PRESENT

Chief Mike Ramm
Deputy Chief Chris Nye
Ben Cranston
Chris Pfouts
Paul Johnson
Rich Ellett
Greg May
John Barnes
Lt Zak Reed
Alisa Roberts, DO

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire
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Toledo Fire – LS1
Toledo Fire – LS1
Toledo Fire
Maumee Fire – LS 7
Springfield Fire – LS10
Air guard Fire
Toledo Fire – EMS Bureau
ProMedica/UT EM Residency

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Dr. David Lindstrom
Brent Parquette
Ralph Shearn

LCES Director
LCEMS Medical Director
LCEMS QA/CE
LCEMS Dispatch Manager

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS 2
Toledo Fire – LS 3
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire - LS 5
Oregon Fire – LS 8
Whitehouse Fire – LS 9
Chief Charles Flack

Jerusalem Fire

Call to Order

Chief Ramm called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from March 11th meeting were provided. Rich Ellett made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded and approved. Minutes accepted as written.

Old Business

CE – Brent reported the March and April CE evaluations and graphs were available to review. Brent reported May's CE has the neurointerventionalists speaking on strokes the first two hours and break out sessions the last half.

AFR – Ralph reported he presented to the Policy Board on May 1st. Looking at two six month periods. The first period is without AFR is Oct 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 and second period is with AFR which ran October 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. The difference of 102 runs (less) in the 2018/2019 AFR. During AFR 1710 less life squad dispatches. 14% increase if life squad assist. Before AFR there was 54% transports and after AFR 56%. The difference of 2% increase in transports. They have Admin has had a brief discussion with Toledo FD to help us to be able to recognize apparatus other than engines when ALS responders are aboard.

Positive ID – Brent said there is nothing to report

Drug Shortage – Brent reported currently there is a shortage on sodium Bicarb and Dopamine.

Vending Machines – Paul reported the representative from the company is to come and look at all the vending machines and to fix anything that is broke.

State Board of Pharmacy – Dr. Lindstrom reported no new information from SBP.

Free Standing EC – Dennis reported the issue has been resolved.

St. Luke's Hospital – RACE - Dr. Lindstrom reported no issues.

Pagers – Ralph reported when batteries come in the old batteries are turned in and cycling out. New batteries on order. Unication only gives one-year warranty. The batteries cost \$30 apiece.

RTF – Nothing to report. Dr. Lindstrom said the State is requiring every paramedic to go online to complete the State course even though we have given the information in CE.

Intra-facility transports – Dr. Lindstrom said it's been quiet. We continue to have abuse of the system in that facilities don't want to wait so they call 9-1-1. Lt. Reed has been going out to facilities to educate them. Toledo Fire Administration sent out a letter to facilities they go to advising them they will be receiving a bill on transports.

Chief Ramm reported they are also doing the same.

Black and White Cabs – Ralph reported on how the process is working.

Face Sheets – Dennis reported we are still collecting face sheets. Dennis also mentioned we are meeting with a representative from Change HealthCare on the 23rd. Dennis reported there are two issues, interfaces and demographics. The issue with ProMedica is progressing as legal has okayed the interface.

ESO password – Brent said nothing to report.

Communication – No issues at this time.

Open Discussion

PM on Rigs – Greg May brought up the issue on the process of getting PM on rigs. He cited that LS 10's vehicles is over 370 hours and that the inverter is not working properly.

Dennis reported a list is to be sent to AI especially if it's significant enough. Dennis reported PMs are being done

VENTS – Rich brought up the issue of vent dependent patients coming out of Sunshine and the confusion of paramedics on transporting these patients if they are not trained on the equipment. The only vent life squad paramedics use is the Auto Vent. Rich also mentioned Monclova Fire is having an event training for anyone who wants to attend. Rich is questioning the scope of practice.

Dr. Lindstrom reported vents are in the scope of practice but he doesn't expect the paramedics to know all the different types. Dr. Lindstrom said that if paramedics have the training on the devices and once trained there are no further state required updates. Dr. Lindstrom even suggested for paramedics to ask the facility for training and log in everybody that takes the training.

Rich also asked should every county paramedic be trained.

Greg May reported it is mandatory for Monclova and there is training Thursday night. LS 7 is also trained. He also mentioned that according to the State of Ohio anyone can transport in an emergent situation without the vent.

Rich also asked if Lucas County has looked at other vents beside the Auto Vent.

Dr. Lindstrom reported yes some time ago and this one is still preferred.

Medical Incident – Chief Nye cited an incident involving Northwest Cardiology on McCord Road. He said it appears to be a county-wide issue as well. The conceived notion is where the patient is being transported to. This particular incident dealt with poor communication for all involved and the life squad was out of service for two hours at TTH Cath lab.

Dr. Lindstrom said there is not a simple answer and we have to deal with each incident as it arises. Dr. Lindstrom said he will forward an email who to contact at TTH to address the concerns.

Introduction – Dr. Roberts introduced herself and reported she is the assistant EM Residency program director for Toledo, Flower and Bay Park and for the accountability for the residents. She trying to transition from the third year out riding in the life squads, and start the process with the interns. The third years finish in June and interns begin July although ride time won't start immediately in July due to orientation schedules. Dr. Roberts said she did her training in Toledo at St. Vincent. She went to Youngstown where she did a lot of teaching. She reported she is EMS Board certified and lives in Monclova.

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Mass Casualty Trailers. – Chief Barnes reported he is reviewing the trailers and noted an expiration of a number of things and wants to know of how to get the three updated. Dennis will review with the annex.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54. The next scheduled meeting is August 12th.

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