

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2024

Members Present:

Chief Jason Francis
Chief John Kaminski
Chief Chris Nye
Chief Matthew Homik
Chief Jonathon Ziehr
Chief Brandon Lobochefski
Dennis Cole – nonvoting member
David Lindstrom, M.D. – nonvoting member
Matthew Heyrman - nonvoting member

Representing:

Whitehouse Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Sylvania Twp. Fire
Monclova Twp. Fire Department
Springfield Twp. Fire
Maumee Fire Department (Zoom)
LCEMS Director
LCEMS Medical Director (Zoom)
Lucas County Deputy Administrator

Members Absent:

Mayor Jim MacDonald
Mayor Mike Sefarian
Trustee Robert Bethel
Mayor Robert Keogh
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz
Trustee John Jennewine
Chief Clayton O'Brien

City of Maumee, Mayor
City of Oregon, Mayor
Springfield Twp. Trustee
Village of Whitehouse, Mayor
City of Toledo
Sylvania Twp. Trustee
Oregon Fire Department

Attendees:

Andrew Vascik
Stacey Mitchell
Ralph Shearn
Brent Parquette
Mark Briggs
Craig Koperski
Don Murray
Chief Tony Parasiliti
Tammy Ohrt
Kirk Keane
Zak Reed
Tim Clapp
Jim Dusseau
Christopher Hoffman
Nick Sauber, MD
Dave Wellons
Alisa Roberts, MD
Jean Butler

Springfield Twp. Fire (Zoom)
RCOG Director
RCOG
LCEMS CE
LCEMS CE / Toledo Fire Department
LCEMS Annex / Sylvania Fire Dept.
Jerusalem Fire Department
Jerusalem Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Toledo Fire Department
Maumee Fire Department (Zoom)
Toledo Fire Department
Mercy/Toledo Fire Dept Med Director
Mercy St Vincent (Zoom)
ProMedica (Zoom)
ProMedica (Zoom)

Kristie Gallagher
Tim Zwayer, MD
Deanna Montanaro
Amanda Aplin
Robert Deleon
Steve Zohn, MD
Lexi Brown
Laura Di Mario
Joe Sharp
Adam Ranellone
Jennifer Ginsberg
Christian Posadny
Mindy Lause

ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)
ProMedica Freestanding EC (Zoom)
ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)
ProMedica Toledo EC (Zoom)
Mercy (Zoom)
St Vincent Mercy EC/NWO EMS (Zoom)
Mercy St Vincent EM Resident (Zoom)
Mercy St Charles ED (Zoom)
Mercy St Vincent EM Resident (Zoom)
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Call to Order

Chief Francis called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Minute Approval

Minutes from February were provided for review. Motion by Chief Homik, second by Parasiliti to accept minutes. All approved.

Paramedic Committee: - Next Scheduled Meeting March 11, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

EMS Billing Update

Vicki gave billing update. The receipts for February total \$344,375.54 and the year to date receipts total \$675,406.35.

CE Update

Brent had noted that March CE content is being posted through EMS1. April will be the last EMS online CE.

New Life Squads Update - Next unit due in Mid-March for Springfield

Dennis updated the group, the Sylvania vehicle is here but waiting on installation of equipment. Hearing that next vehicle will be here mid-March, going to Springfield. Next one will go to Toledo and no update on timing of that vehicle.

EMS System Modernization

Update on Contracts

Matt Heyrman, noted the contact has been passed by all but Providence, Jerusalem, Monclova, Maumee and Waterville. It will be on the County's agenda this Tuesday 3/5 for passage, and Commissioners will also pass the notification providing 90-day cancellation of the current EMS agreement.

Plan for Allocation and Distribution of Lucas County EMS Capital Assets. Meetings 4/8 @ 9:30 Phase I and II, 4/22 Phase III @ 9:30

Dennis reviewed the document provided to folks with the plan for allocation. Phase I oriented to jurisdictions with life squads. Looking at a meeting 4/8, will reschedule due to eclipse. April 9 at 9:00 am for phase 1 meeting. Phase 3 meeting April 22 8:30 am. Sky will send out those invites.

Matt reviewed each phase. All jurisdictions who have equipment will attend and let us know if you want to turn in or keep equipment, need to know about anything jurisdictions want to turn back over. Phase II will start with non-operating jurisdictions, Dennis, Motter and Craig created a list with bundles of equipment. Impossible to make perfectly even, will start with largest non-operating jurisdictions by population, each jurisdiction can select one basket. Anything that anyone gave back out of phase 1 and anything people don't want from the basket they chose will go into third round on April 22nd, phase III. SUV's and trailers will be included in that round. Dennis will send each jurisdiction an email with assets list, will ask folks to confirm serial numbers, and will send list of unassigned items. The asset lists are not necessarily a final document but will help give you an idea of what is available. Discussion of trailers that are available, Dennis will put everything on the sheet for folks to review. Departments are welcome to come look at them. They are parked at the annex.

County is in process with the city of Toledo to sell them the annex, not equipment just building.

Contact List

Dennis reviewed the contact list that was provided. This will also be emailed out to the chiefs. Need to know who is interested in Knox boxes. No deadline just let us know hopefully before the meeting on 4/9. Discussion of software provided by Selking to get real time alerts about issues on the life squads. It's called On Command. Chief Ziehr when he worked for EMS Sylvania, Springfield and Toledo all have interest in lockers and vending machines. Sylvania does not want them but Springfield does want one set. Jurisdictions need to have conversations with hospital. Let us know if hospitals are OK keep the vending machines in-place. Will need to discuss how to transfer that equipment.

Life Squad Changeover Plan

Dennis provided a draft change over plan for discussion. Inventory drugs, equipment with software like mobile data computers, software has to be transferred from us to your accounts. Looking to do it one or two at a time, may take a couple days. Each life squad has three data cards on it (MDC, tablet & LP 15). Need to have a plan for those connectivity transitions. We use Verizon. It will be simple if the jurisdiction also has Verizon. Need to know which vendor each jurisdiction plans to use for that equipment so we can start planning. Chief Nye asked if it would make sense to give Stryker contact the list of assets so he can help with transfer. Dennis said each jurisdiction should contact Stryker for themselves. Chief Parasiliti asked who the EMS contact is to address questions. Dennis asked that chiefs direct questions directly to him. He will pull in the right person to answer.

Transition Punch List

The punch list was provided to the group. Handtevy – departments have been getting their own account, our contract goes through June. Zak said he wants to discuss the county keeping it through the end of the year, will send a request in writing.

Dr. Sauber asked about transfer of drugs with board of pharmacy. Dr. Lindstrom said the Board of Pharmacy approved one time transfer to Fire Departments. This will happen when the truck comes to the annex for inventory and transfer. Will discuss how to do that with lockers and vending machines. Still working on plan for medical supplies and how those items will be distributed.

LifeNet will be updating March 14; and will have about 120 minutes of downtime between 9 am and 1 pm.

EMS Microwave System and UHF Med Channels Update

Everyone will be taken off microwave system hopefully tomorrow, Tuesday 3/5. St V's is the last to come off.

Direct Radio Communication to Mercy/St. Vincent Hospital EDs

Had conversations with Mercy about that, COG may loan them three APX radios. They need APX radios to attach an alerting system. Mercy Hospitals have not agreed to the open radio concept yet but we are in discussions. Dr. Sauber discussed issues at St V's, working through those so we do not miss important info coming in. Dave Wellons said the confusion is that other EMS agencies are calling in trying to give report without notification. How do we communicate with all EMS agencies what the protocol is? There is a meeting Friday to go over protocols. Dennis said they would look at sending communication to all the Chiefs to help clarify that it is only Toledo and Mercy Perrysburg that are currently trialing open radio communication. Kristie said there is a meeting Thursday with Chiefs, they are going to tour Toledo Hospital as well. Deanna said one of the main issues is they would like a heads-up alert for incoming calls. It was mentioned they should look at the system with a light and alarm in Mercy Perrysburg.

Superior Ambulance Request Update

Dennis said Superior Ambulance reached out to him. They want to work with nursing homes to take calls directly from nursing homes. They do not want to get on our 911 board for emergency transport. They are hoping nursing homes will call them instead of 911 if their contracted service is unavailable. Lt Hoffman said they do want to be available for 911 overflow calls. He will connect with them and help clear up the misunderstanding. Dennis said they can directly communicate with nursing homes. As far as getting on 911 lines, fire chiefs need to make the decision and provide RCOG with a list of private ambulances to call in the event. Need to take into account mutual aid as well. Chief Ziehr asked Dennis to send out that contact info. Craig asked that we look at call taking procedures to screen for non-emergent calls.

King Vision update

Craig got clarification from Bound Tree - the correspondence was provided for attendees. They have provided a loaner device; but departments need to reach out to Bound Tree as these are on loan and we will not be here to return the devices.

Open Discussion

Chief Francis wanted to select an interim Chair for Policy Board and Medical Committee. Chief Francis said he is willing, Chief Parasiliti motioned and Chief Kaminski second. Chief Francis will serve as interim chair for Policy Board and Medical Committee.

Dennis asked if we want to shift the next Policy Board and Medical Committee meetings from April 1 to April 9. Next Medical committee will be April 9 at 8:30 am and Policy/phase I and II meeting will be at 9 am. Sky will send all these meeting dates to the group.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am