

**LCEMS POLICY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Members Present:**

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

**Representing:**

Whitehouse Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. Fire  
Monclova Twp. Fire Department  
Springfield Twp. Fire  
Oregon Fire Department  
Maumee Fire Department  
LCEMS Director  
LCEMS Medical Director  
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 Allison Armstrong

City of Maumee, Mayor  
City or Oregon, Mayor  
Springfield Twp. Trustee  
Village of Whitehouse, Mayor  
City of Toledo  
Sylvania Twp. Trustee  
Toledo Fire and Rescue

**Attendees:**

Chief Mike Bailey  
Chief Keith Clonch  
Chief Doug Meyer  
Pete Scarborough  
Andrew Sauder  
Andrew Vascik  
Jeff Bennett  
Stacey Mitchell  
Ralph Shearn  
Brent Parquette  
Mike Motter  
Craig Koperski  
Chief Tony Parasiliti  
Tammy Ohrt  
Kirk Keane  
Jim Dusseau  
Dave Wellons  
Jean Butler

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

Kristie Gallagher  
Mike Szafarowicz  
Deanna Montanaro  
Becky Kunzler  
Amanda Aplin  
Robert Deleon  
Laura Di Mario

ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)  
Sylvania Fire Dept.? (Zoom)  
ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)  
ProMedica Flower (Zoom)  
ProMedica Toledo EC (Zoom)  
Mercy (Zoom)  
Mercy St Charles ED (Zoom)

## **Call to Order**

Chief Francis called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

## **Minute Approval**

Minutes from March were provided for review. Motion to approve made by Chief Homik second by Chief Nye. All approve.

**Paramedic Committee:** - Next Scheduled Meeting May 13, 2024 @ 9:00AM

**Medical Committee:** - was canceled this morning will send email for next meeting.

## **EMS Billing Update**

March revenue was \$72,209.81 way down because Change Healthcare/Optum has a cyber-attack so we haven't been able to send them face sheets. Hopefully back online week of April 22.

## **CE Update**

Done at the end of the month. Brent sent out spreadsheets with info on who still needs to complete.

**New Life Squads Update** - Next unit due in for Springfield.

No actual date with when the next one will be in.

## **EMS System Modernization**

### **Update**

Matt Heyrman discussed update regarding how the timeline for the agreement will play out. Will have a revised and updated agreement to jurisdictions by April 12, changes to only a few sections. Each jurisdictions will have to go through and pass it again.

Sections that need to change: p 3 2 II change south region to exclude Maumee will just be Monclova twp. Fire division. Payment schedule will change as well – proposed change to move \$402,000 originally allotted to Maumee to Springfield Twp. because they would put on additional unit. Chief Parasiliti shared personal disappointment in the plans for the eastern region. He understands 13 will no longer have a transport available, he believes the east side is not being respected. Chief...from Richfield twp. said they originally opted out but could run a part time day car with ALS capability. Chief Homik said they could

as well. Chief Parasiliti said he could do the same. Matt said they were looking to Springfield Twp. as an insurance policy for that region. Chief Clonch said that Western and Eastern Lucas Counties are significantly underserved so if we can be provided resources to increase care that would be better. He said they do not have private ambulances. Chief Lobo said he thought the understanding was if a jurisdiction opted out that leftover money would be distributed to the surrounding area to provide care. Chief Homik said he believes spreading that money out helps at least three other ALS units' part time vs just having it help one ALS unit in Springfield. Matt said they need to make sure they protect the core so those outlying resources don't get pulled in. Chief Ziehr said that they don't need the extra day car to support the needs in their community, but they will do this if it is needed as an insurance policy.

Matt made the point that a review process is built into this system. Chief Ziehr is ready to go as long as they get the life squad from Maumee. This solves a problem for June 3 because other jurisdictions are not ready to ramp up an ALS response unit.

On page 6 section 5a discussion of payments – Waterville said it does not properly address the first year – change to clarify that for 2024 every jurisdiction will be paid in August and then starting in 2025 payment schedule will change to 1 annual payment by no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Impact of Maumee departure on CAD – Stacey asked for a clarification between mutual aid and automatic aid. Every jurisdiction in Lucas County will operate amongst themselves. When an ALS incident comes in, CAD will first look within region, if a resource is not available, or if a resource cannot make it in 9 minutes CAD will look outside the jurisdiction. That is true in Lucas County except Maumee. If an ALS unit occurs in Maumee one of the two ALS units will be routed there, if Maumee has no units available then it will look outside of their jurisdiction for closest available unit to respond. If Toledo or central district has no units available for ALS call, then Maumee will be asked for mutual aid to come to Toledo. If you need Maumee you would have to ask the dispatcher. If Monclova doesn't have a regional ALS it would recommend the closest skipping Maumee because they cannot have access to the countywide system. Chief Lobo said it is their intention to help their neighbors when needed. He is in discussions with Stacey to make sure it runs as smoothly as possible. Stacey discussed how ALS goes into Maumee, instead of 9 and 2 they would set something high i.e. 20 and 2 to make sure both of their units are used before looking outside.

Chief Homik asked if we could move the date back at least another 30 days, Matt said their commitment was that they would not change the date again. If the chiefs want to ask the county to move the date back, they would consider it. Dennis made the point that we are losing staff at the annex so our support is dwindling down. Matt said the city of Maumee has specific asks: 30-day termination...provided every support possible. Chief Lobo said section 4 affects us all. Matt said they chose to leave it because mandating number of units and time we have to go back through every jurisdiction if you want to make any big changes. Chief O'Brien said he does not agree with extending 30 days.

Chief Francis asked if we should take this to a vote. Other Chiefs said they do not believe they need a vote.

### **Schedule Weekly Progress Meetings**

This will help iron out some of these issues going into the June 3 deadline. Chief Parasiliti asked about the additional money, Springfield will get the extra life squad and an extra \$402,000. Matt said they are not looking to take the life squad away from Maumee as a punishment but they have to make sure the county is covered. Maumee will not be privy to be in the pool for equipment distribution.

Dennis asked if they could schedule weekly meetings, either in person or zoom. Chief Parasiliti said he is in favor of weekly meetings; just want to make sure every chief is invited including Maumee. Chief Francis proposed every Wednesday at 8:30 am in person starting April 17. Dennis asked for items for an agenda to be sent to him and Schuyler. Between now and July. Schuyler will send calendar reminder to all chiefs. Will have both meetings April 22 and 24.

Plan for Allocation and Distribution of Lucas County EMS Capital Assets. Meetings 4/22 @ 9:30 Phase I and II  
Phase III meeting will take place at the May 6 Policy Board meeting.

Chief Homik asked about non-capital items – all different supplies, that will happen in phase III. Dennis said the way they are handling supply distribution is based on population percentage. Dennis said the goal is to have that figure out two weeks before the June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dennis said Toledo is getting 50% of training supplies and the rest will be held until all other jurisdictions know what their training programs look like.

### **Direct Radio Communication to Mercy/St. Vincent Hospital EDs**

Dennis said as of now they are looking at 20 April they expect to get the alerting equipment on the radios. They will then complete their request to the RCOG to borrow 3 APX radios.

### **Open Discussion**

Chief Nye asked about clarification about the map. Ralph said Greg put it there because TFRD wanted to do 25 a and b but CAD can't do that, it is expected to go to 14 eventually. Ralph said he expects on June 3 he believes there will be two units. Toledo is working on the list.

Next Policy Board Meeting – May 6, 2024 @ 9:30 AM, weekly meetings on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am.