

LCEMS POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2024

Members Present:

Chief Jason Francis
Chief Doug Meyer
Chief Allison Armstrong
Chief Chris Nye
Chief Matthew Homik
Chief Jonathon Ziehr
Chief Clayton O'Brien
Dennis Cole – nonvoting member
Matthew Heyrman - nonvoting member

Representing:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Jim MacDonald
Mayor Mike Sefarian
Trustee Robert Bethel
Mayor Richard Bingham
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz
Trustee John Jennewine

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

Attendees:

Chief Mike Bailey
Chief Kirk Keane
Chief Tony Parasiliti
Chief Mark Mullins
Jeff Bennett
Andrew Sauder
Andrew Vascik
Derek Francis
Ralph Shearn
Craig Koperski
Mark Briggs
Don Murray
Todd Brookens, M.D.
Stacey Mitchell
LaDonna Putnam
Tammy Ohrt
Brent Parquette
Sarah Elms
Julie Benfield
Don Waggoner

Washington Twp. Fire
Toledo Fire Department
Jerusalem Fire Department
Oregon Fire Department
Sylvania Twp Fire (Zoom)
Springfield Twp. Fire (Zoom)
Springfield Twp. Fire
Monclova Twp Fire (Zoom)
RCOG
LCEMS / Sylvania Twp Fire (Zoom)
LCEMS
Jerusalem Twp Fire
Toledo Fire Medical Director
RCOG
RCOG
Toledo Fire Department
LCEMS
Lucas County Commissioners PIO
UTMC (Zoom)
ProMedica (Zoom)

Kevin Sanders	ProMedica (Zoom)
Deanna Montanaro	ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)
Nicole Knepper	Mercy (Zoom)
Laura Di Mario	Mercy (Zoom)
Kristie Gallagher	ProMedica (Zoom)
David Wellons	Mercy (Zoom)
Amanda Aplin	ProMedica (Zoom)
Emily Medina	Mercy (Zoom)
Jean Butler	ProMedica (Zoom)
Robert DeLeon	Mercy (Zoom)
Dan Kemple, M.D.	ProMedica (Zoom)
Josh Gwin	ProMedica (Zoom)

Call to Order

Chief Francis called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Approve Minutes

Chief Ziehr motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 6th. Chief O'Brien second. All approved the minutes.

Paramedic Committee: - Canceled until after transition.

Medical Committee: - Next Scheduled meeting July 1, 2024 at 8:30 AM

EMS Billing Update

May billing was \$7,881.36 with ytd \$764,106.28. Still not able to bill or send facesheets. Will get an update this week. They have made contact with ESO so they can get our ESO reports.

EMS System Modernization Update

Dennis discussed the plan for Jerusalem and Oregon to leave the EMS system today. A resolution will be approved at next week's meeting, the reso for Jerusalem will happen in August. Oregon will leave the life squad here today and have it back before tomorrow. Maumee is going to operate LS 7 through midnight tonight, Toledo will take over 7AM Tuesday morning. All set with the COG. All the other life squads minus 7 will be covering between midnight and 7 am. Ralph discussed how that will work tonight through tomorrow morning with coverage. Closest ALS unit. Toledo operating LS 7 out of station 4 starting at 7 am. All calls will be going through dispatch. Toledo will use back-up 19 in station 4. EMS will pick-up life squad 7 from Maumee at 9:00 AM Tuesday. Discussion of pagers and programming them as LS 7. Chief Ziehr discussed their willingness to help overnight with coverage. Chief O'Brien discussed where his ALS units will be housed for now and he will touch base with Ralph about details. Tammy Ohrt said people are confused as to how coverage will happen after transition, is Toledo responding initially or is Springfield going to come into Toledo first (starting August 5th). Dennis clarified that the 9 and 2 rule will go into effect after August 5th, dealing with ALS transport medic units.

Direct Radio Communication to Mercy/St. Vincent Hospital Eds

Dennis said they have been working on moving towards open radio contact with the hospitals. Mercy has the parts for alerting and are working through getting them up and running with P&R. UTMC has connected with P&R about the alerting piece, Julia Benfield gave update about their status. COG is looking at July 1st to go open radio with all hospitals. Dennis asked if hospitals are ok with that. No one objected. EMS gatekeeper will no longer be there as of 7am on July 1st. Chief Meyer will send out channel list to Chiefs. He will also send the list of fire department contacts to the hospitals. Dr. Kemple asked for updates to be sent to Monroe. Ralph said he will make sure he and Monroe get added to the list.

Open Discussion

Dennis opened discussion on how private ambulances will be incorporated into new system. ProMedica has purchased Field Ops and they want to know if they should continue that? Chief Meyer said they don't get help from privates now so the group had discussed that they would not need it. Don Waggoner said he understands. Point of the whole thing was that it makes it easier for the EMS dispatcher to assign privates based on location and availability. More discussion is needed.

Chief Parasiliti asked about air ambulance – Ralph said they should stick with Channel 13. Would the department call dispatch to request or should they just go on ch 13? Ralph said to come across radio first to request air ambulance, dispatch will assign air ambulance once its available.

Chief O'Brien asked about single incident – Eric explained that after August 5th the COG IT will ask each department to change the “I am responding” portion. ESO is done on the backside, tested with Oregon. If anyone is using “I am responding” need to change those settings so they don't get multiple incidents.

Next Policy Board Meeting – July 1, 2024 at 9:30 am. June 12th is the next weekly transition meeting. The transition meeting scheduled for July 3rd will be canceled. The Wednesday meetings will be scheduled through mid-August. Will focus on punch list items in weekly meetings.

Chief Armstrong made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 am, Chief O'Brien second. All approved.