

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2012

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt  
Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Bill Fordyce  
Kim Hood  
Lt. Mark Benadaum  
Richard Ellet  
Rod Standiford  
Jeff Hibbard

Chad Premo  
Dr. Daniel Schwerin  
Greg May  
Sean Marquis

STAFF

Dennis Cole  
David Lindstrom, M.D.  
Brent Parquette  
Pat Moomey  
Loren Boykin

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire  
Sylvania Twp. Fire  
Monclova Twp Fire  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Maumee Fire – LS7  
Sylvania Twp. Fire – LS6  
Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
ProMedica  
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital/TFD  
Springfield Twp Fire LS10  
UTMC EM Resident

ABSENT

Chief Charles Flack

Toledo Fire – LS1  
Toledo Fire – LS2  
Toledo Fire - LS3  
Toledo Fire – LS4  
Toledo Fire – LS5  
Oregon Fire – LS8  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chief McNutt

**Minute Approval**

The minutes from April 9, 2012 meeting were available for review. Chief Jeff Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Greg May. The minutes were approved as written.

Chief McNutt informed the committee that Chief Jeff Kowalski was approved as the new committee chair by the EMS Policy Board May 2, 2012. The meeting was turned over to Chief Kowalski

## **Training**

Brent reported CE comments from April for review. The May CE topic is trauma triage criteria to include trauma skill

## **QA**

Dr. Lindstrom reported that TFD Captain Brice Blair will be doing a 60 hour research project with EMS for his PHD. The project involves expanding the IRB process to make it feasible to capture better outcome data. The goal is to develop a unified IRB for cardiac arrest.

## **Old Business**

There was discussion on disposable CIDs. There were some negative comments that the rolls weren't high enough, the tape was too short and the CIDs weren't environmentally friendly. Marty and Rich noted that Whitehouse and Maumee have been using them for a long time and they've adapted to the devices. Rich said their research showed these CIDs to be the best commercial product that they found. He believes once everyone works with them more they will be ok.

Monclova Twp noted that they hadn't received their initial stock of CIDs. A question was asked about resupply. Dennis responded that the life squads will replace the used CID when they do the transport. The jurisdictions are responsible for supplying CIDs for their BLS transports.

Dr. Lindstrom was asked for an update on med shortages. He responded that we received 200 Fentanyl last week with 200 more on order. We're holding off returning certain meds to the 1<sup>st</sup> responder bags until we're sure the supply is consistent. There was discussion on efforts at the state and federal level to resolve the shortage problem.

Dr. Lindstrom also mentioned that he's working on a better procedure for improved med tracking and accountability for 1<sup>st</sup> responder bags.

Rich asked how everyone is storing the narcotics. Maumee uses an orange soft pouch. Dr. Lindstrom responded that we're trying to move away from soft pouches. We prefer hard clear plastic cases that you can inventory through.

**New Business - none**

## **Open Discussion**

Rod asked about handling ticks and potential side effects. Dr. Lindstrom responded to always use gloves when handling ticks. Do not use tweezers because you leave the head intact or inject more tick juice into the patient. Ticks are not ALS but the person should get medical attention.

There was discussion on status of on-scene physicians. Medics are not sure who they are, what their responsibilities are. The physicians are not communicating that they're responding to the scene. Dr. Lindstrom noted that all authorized on-scene physicians will carry a Lucas County ID badge. He reiterated that their primary purpose is to observe and not to be actively involved with the patient care. However, he noted that sometimes they can provide on-scene assistance and provide med control.

Rich mentioned concerns with 20 minute return to service because of delays turning patient care over to ED staff. Dr. Lindstrom asked that hospital delays be report to dispatch so we can address the issue.

Rich asked if we still need to do the ePCR at the hospital since we got away from leaving reports at the hospital. Dr. Lindstrom and Brent responded that paramedics are still responsible for faxing ePCR documentation before leaving the hospital.

Greg May mentioned that they had an incident in which the spare Oxygen bottles fell out of the storage compartment. Apparently the latch on the door doesn't catch and there isn't a secondary restraint system. Dennis will inform AI to check on this issue.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.