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TO: ALL LUCAS COUNTY PARAMEDICS

DATE: May 13, 2008

FROM: Brent Parquette, NREMT-P
Continuing Education Program Administrator

RE: Continuing Education June 2008 – Protocol Update/Medical Scenario Training

In anticipation of initiating our “I.C.E” protocol June 1, we turn our sights towards a pre-hospital team effort in hopes to not only achieve ROSC with our cardiac arrest patients, but also improve survivability beyond the hospital doors. That being said, we must also realize that not all patients will respond favorably to our enhanced efforts in the field. The time has come, on the heels of “therapeutic hypothermia,” to review our cardiac arrest algorithms and better define when resuscitative efforts should continue, and those times when efforts should be terminated in the field. Despite our best efforts we may not be able to change the inevitable.

In the month of June, we will re-define our approach to the following scenarios:

- Ventricular Fibrillation/Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia Arrest
- Asystolic Arrest
- PEA (Pulseless Electrical Activity) Arrest

In addition to a protocol update, we will once again have you in small groups for scenario training. I have prepared six (6) different medical scenarios where, using a team approach, you will assess and treat the medical findings presented. Anticipating group sizes to be 5-6, each participant will have the opportunity to act as team leader in one of the scenarios.

The past evaluations have reflected an appreciation of the small group scenario training. I believe it not only allows for “life-like” training, but also emphasizes our need for continued “hands-on” practice.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the month of June. As always, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at 419-213-6508.