

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2019

PRESENT

Chief Mike Ramm
Lt. Zak Reed
Sean Powers
Jeff Nissen
Jonathon Ziehr
Allison Armstrong
Mark Benadum

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire
Toledo Fire
Mercy Mobile Stroke Unit
Oregon Fire – LS 8
Springfield Fire – LS 10/LCEMS
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Dr. David Lindstrom
Ralph Shearn

LCES Director
LCEMS Medical Director
LCEMS Dispatch Manager

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS 1
Toledo Fire – LS 2
Toledo Fire – LS 3
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire - LS 5
Sylvania Fire – LS 6
Maumee Fire - LS 7
Whitehouse Fire – LS 9
Chief Charles Flack
Joe Cira

Jerusalem Fire
Local 92

Call to Order

Chief Ramm called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from September 9th meeting were provided. Zak Reed made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Jeff Nissen and approved. Minutes accepted as written.

Old Business

CE – Jon reported they are prepping CE for January which will cover OB and neonatal resuscitation. This month there are EMT refresher courses for LCEMS dispatch and CPR classes for county employees.

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AFR – Ralph reported no changes. Toledo Fire has expanded AFR resources to include their two rescues.

Vending Machines – Nothing new to report from Dennis.

Free Standing EC – There have been continuous reports of inappropriate transports and diversions, especially with the Mercy Free standing EC. Lt Reed suggested flagging diversions to audit because this particular facility has been causing most of the problems. It was suggested that Dr. Lindstrom speak with Dr. Goliver regarding this issue. More discussion will be had on this to solve internally.

Pagers – Ralph reported that Dave Reamey worked with support group from Unication and has firmware and software updates ready to go. Pagers will be brought in from the road to update them life squad by life squad. Dennis asked if the server still needs to be updated and Ralph informed the committee that it had been.

RTF – No update

Intra-facility transports – Dr. Lindstrom reported no new issues. Lt Reed said he had one recent issue and is going to have to have a conversation about this, will meet to come up with a plan, especially with ProMedica Surgery Center. It was discussed that PTN is telling them to call 911 first, we need to come up with a consistent approach to handling these issues. Dennis asked how to bill for these transports if we cannot prove ALS. Dr. Lindstrom said should bill the facility requesting the transport. Lt Reed and others suggested setting up an MOU and discussing this with every freestanding facility what we are responsible for. Dennis suggested talking to folks at Ohio EMS to see how this issues is being addressed in other communities. Discussed the importance of having an MOU or something similar so when Medics have to say no when called they have something to point to.

Face Sheets – Dennis said that EMS has been selected by CMS to report on all of our runs. CMS has a requirement to the federal government to do a report on the process of transports for Medicare and Medicaid patients. This will start January 1 and we are currently trying to figure out what is involved. A key component is going to be about patient care reports. Dennis discussed the importance of documenting ALS procedures and narrative about what is being done. Lt. Reed asked if we're having problems with that now. Dennis said patient care reports have gotten better but still having some issues, most important piece of information is a correct social security number, Jon suggested using the MRN number to match patient care reports with face sheets.

Vent Training – Rich not here.

LS Repairs – Life squad 3 was in an accident. Dennis said Josh Hartbarger said backups need a lot of work, if crews find something wrong need to report exact problems on paper. Dennis clarified that an email or note to Al would suffice and Chief Ramm said there is a form in the protocol that you can print and fax or scan and email.

New Business

Med Shortage Issues – Dr. Lindstrom said that the glucose D50 had an acute shortage, they obtained a mixture from a local source to meet the initial gap but it has a short shelf life. Trying to use that up first, in the mean-time got another shipment of the regular.

Versed – Dr Lindstrom said we are waiting to hear from state on putting narcotics in the vending machines like we did with Versed.

Cardiac Arrest – Jon said that they are still getting feedback and reminded folks to keep the forms coming in.

Oxygen – Discussed previously that the protocol around tracking oxygen has been changed.

Paramedic Training – Lt Reed said they are still working on giving more definition to the internship to incorporate skills and ensure folks are trained properly before hitting the streets. He said internships would take place during ride time but will be more engaging than just riding along – folks will spend time at the annex, at dispatch, will have a clear picture before hitting the street. Chief Ramm shared that they use a google form to assess daily.

Rigs – Discussed previously.

More New Business

Dr Lindstrom said there was an RTF training exercise at Waite High School on Nov 4th and went really well.

Chief Ramm said he received an email saying that police are now carrying 2, 4mg of Narcan. Toledo Fire making is an effort with TPD about proper training on giving Narcan. Dr Sauber has been trying to get BVMs delivered to all units so can assist airway after initial dose. This all may help in training so less Narcan is administered.

Jon said Nadine Kinshaw from St Lukes asked that EMS personnel stop taking the Patran transfer sliders out of the ER rooms, they are for hospital use only. Jon will forward the email with the picture to the group. Dr Lindstrom asked if we needed something like that, if folks are taking them from the emergency departments, and Jon said it was considered awhile back and it was decided against it.

Chief Ramm said their second new transport will be here in two weeks.

Adjournment

J. Nissen moved to adjourn, Mark Benadum second. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54. The next scheduled meeting is January 13th, 2020.