

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019

PRESENT

Chief Mike Ramm
Joe Cira
Lt. Zak Reed
Rich Ellett
Nicole Zmiejewski
Amber Ignatowski
Alexis Bollanis
Craig Koperski

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire
Local 92
Toledo Fire
Maumee Fire – LS 7
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
St. Charles Hospital Trauma
Sylvania Fire/LCEMS

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
Oregon Fire – LS 8
Whitehouse Fire – LS 9
Springfield Fire – LS 10
Chief Charles Flack

Jerusalem Fire

Call to Order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from August 12th meeting were provided. Zak Reed made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Joe Cira and approved. Minutes accepted as written.

Old Business

CE – Brent not in attendance, no report

AFR – Ralph reported no changes and is now working on August's data. It is still maintaining consistent improvement.

Vending Machines – Dennis reported the initial inspection came back from the vending machine specialist and it's working. They expressed questions about the security of items when they have dropped into the dispensing area but are not collected by the crew. Dennis said they are in a relatively secure area.

Free Standing EC – Dr. Lindstrom reported it's been quiet and the only case we had recently has been resolved.

Pagers – Ralph reported it still on going with no solution as yet. There are software changes and battery issues. Joe Cira asked about battery life. Ralph reported batteries have to be replaced every year and we will be purchasing more batteries.

RTF – Chief Ramm reported Sylvania now has every seated position supplied with gear.

Intra-facility transports – Dr. Lindstrom reported no new issues. Lt Reed also had no new cases.

Face Sheets – Dennis reported were are still collecting demographics. It is really important for the paramedics to get the correct demographics. An accurate social security number can solve many of the problems of other incorrect data.

Vent Training – Rich reported the vent training is completed with Sunshine and it was mandatory for Maumee paramedics. Other departments may also have attended.

LS Repairs – Dennis reported is ongoing.

New Business

Med Shortage Issues – Craig reported we do not have captopril and that it is on backorder. Sodium Bicarb is intermittent and Dextrose is an issue right now. Epi 1-10,000 same, trickling in. Craig also mentioned the paramedics are sending in the old inventory sheets from station intranet. Working on sending back the correct inventory sheet. Lt Reed reported that they may be using the outdated form that might have been saved to a desk top for ease of locating, he will work with station officers to update forms used.

Versed – Dr. Lindstrom reported we are not making any changes yet. Dr. Lindstrom said we are waiting on the State Board Pharmacy to give us a clear answer.

ALS Med Boxes – Craig reported we are still discussing this internally.

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Cardiac Arrest – Chief Ramm reported their paramedics went on a cardiac arrest this morning and they used the Elegard device and they reported it went smooth and well. Chief Ramm reported they have the Elegard as well as Maumee and Springfield.

Craig mentioned it is a very big awkward piece of equipment.

Firefighter Training – Chief Ramm reported there is a free firefighter one-day training being held September 28th at the Sylvania Northview Performing Arts Center. It's a mayday lecture giving 6 CEUs and free lunch. See Brochures.

Oxygen - Craig reported the County is looking at possibly getting away from the cascade system due to issues raised by SBP. Looking at O2 supplier to supply the oxygen in bottles. Also to make sure the bottles are not exchanged with the engines, to stay separated.

Chief Ramm reported they exchange with Reliance and have numbered their bottles.

Dennis reported nothing changed yet it's not just affecting the life squads but also the first responders.

A discussion of oxygen and lot numbers. The state fire chief association is also raising the operation impact of this at the state level.

Paramedic Training – Craig brought up the issue of new paramedics out in the streets right after finishing their education. It's not a good initial start and we lose paramedics as soon as mandatory Life Squad service is completed.

Lt Reed reported Toledo is moving towards a PTO (Paramedic Training Officer) to try to come up with a program that will fit everyone.

Craig suggested a sub-committee to come up with a plan.

Nicki reported in the next paramedic class, new paramedics will have a one-day training at the Annex.

A lengthy discussion of the sixty hours of training and what to quantify what we accomplish. Craig will work with Joe Cira on some initial ideas for the onboarding of new medics to the street.

Rigs – Rich asked if a subcommittee could be established to review the placement of supplies, equipment and future configuration floor plans. Joe volunteered to be on the committee with Rich.

Chief Ramm suggested sending out notices to see who wants to be on these sub-committees.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50. The next scheduled meeting is November 18th.