

PARAMEDIC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2022

Members Present:

Chief Mike Ramm
David Brown
Kirk Keane
Greg Szmigala
Brandon Donahue
Nick Sauber, MD
Derek Francis
Mark Briggs
Andrea Donahue
Robert DeLeon
Chief Matthew Homik
Chief Josh Hartbarger
Nicole Knepper
Greg Wilcox

Representing:

Sylvania Twp. Fire Department
Toledo Fire & Rescue
Toledo Fire & Rescue
Toledo Fire & Rescue
Whitehouse – LS 9
Toledo Fire Medical Director - Zoom
Monclova Fire – Zoom
Toledo Fire/ LCEMS CE
ProMedica - Zoom
Mercy - Zoom
Monclova Fire
Whitehouse Fire – Zoom
Mercy St Vincent – Zoom
Sylvania - Zoom

Staff:

Dennis Cole
David Lindstrom, M.D.
Brent Parquette
Schuyler Beckwith

LCEMS
LCEMS Medical Director - Zoom
LCEMS - Zoom
LCEMS

Absent:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chief Ramm at 9am.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the May 9, 2022 meeting were distributed for review. Chief Ramm motioned and Chief Homik seconded. Meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

Dr Lindstrom said nothing has changed with items discussed at last meeting.

Brent is filling in for full time CE position. The position has been posted. Brent gave an update on paramedics who need to do make-ups for April as well as May. July 20 is the deadline. Brent will send a reminder this week.

New Business

Dr Lindstrom gave update on issue with St Lukes having correct status posted for bypass. He has spoken with Cheryl Herr, who is working with new staff to make sure they know how to handle the status board.

Dennis said LS 4 had an accident over the weekend. Takes it out for a very long period of time. There has been discussion of why are we going code red lights and sirens. Need to revisit the discussion of when we need to go code red. Studies indicate no benefits to going lights and sirens. Dr Lindstrom believes it needs to be discussed between the Lucas County fire chiefs. There is concern patients may have the perception that we are not providing appropriate emergency response not going lights and sirens.

Chief Ramm said he will bring it to the fire chiefs at their next meeting. Dr Lindstrom will forward the current policy statement. Mark said they covered it in last months' CE. Chief Hartbarger said there is legislation potentially removing governments from immunity, bill 172. Is there a concern about areas where there are only volunteer departments, timing of getting to the scene is already an issue. Are accidents happening during code 3 runs?

Discussion about using rescue pump and switching to LUCAS device quicker than the 10 minute time frame. This would help reduce number of vehicles needed on scene. Dr Lindstrom is not sure if there is enough data to support this request. Brent said they have already altered the protocol for the pump, set time frame at 10 minutes when changed the protocol.

Information displayed in CAD dispatch information used to be more in depth. Is anyone else experiencing that issue? Seems to be an issue. There has been some discussion with Ralph, David Brown said he will continue those conversations. Dispatchers are all having to go through continuing education. Can using MDT buttons more free up some time to put more info in CAD system. Call taking function is under Jen. The time frame needs to be addressed, extra ten seconds even would be helpful. Dr Lindstrom does not believe that the 30 second time frame is the issue, the issue is the continued conversations with the caller after. Chief Hartbarger said if they allow the timing to go much higher it may affect ISO rating.

Dr Lindstrom said they are working on getting some protocol updates ready for the fall. They are figuring out training schedules now.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:20am. Briggs motioned to adjourn, Brown second.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in person with virtual as an option.