

PARAMEDIC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2022

Members Present:

David Brown
Kirk Keane
Michael Eck
Greg Szmigala
Lt. Zack Reed
Craig Koperski
Brandon Donahue
Chief Matthew Homik
Derek Francis
Steve Sutherland
Mark Briggs
Robert Reed
Aiden Yoon
Nicole Knepper
Kristie Gallagher
Greg Wilcox
Jonathon Ziehr

Representing:

Toledo Fire & Rescue
Sylvania Fire/LCEMS
Whitehouse – LS 9
Monclova Fire – Zoom
Monclova Fire – Zoom
Sylvania Fire - Zoom
Toledo Fire/ LCEMS CE
Toledo Fire & Rescue
Springfield Twp. – L.S. 10/LCEMS
Mercy St Vincent – Zoom
Promedica – Zoom
Sylvania/ LCEMS – Zoom
Springfield Twp/LCEMS - Zoom

Staff:

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

LCEMS
LCEMS Medical Director - Zoom
LCEMS - Zoom
LCEMS

Absent:

Chief Mike Ramm
Toledo Fire – L.S. 3
Toledo Fire – L.S. 5
Sylvania Twp. Fire
Oregon Fire

Sylvania Twp. Fire Department

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr Lindstrom at 9am.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the July 11th meeting were distributed for review. With one spelling correction (LF change to LS) Greg moved to accept minutes, Craig seconded. None opposed.

Old Business

There was some discussion about St Lukes being open. They are having issues staffing the STEMI labs. They have made a decision not to continue going in the trauma program direction.

Discussion on red lights and sirens – there was no fire chiefs meeting so that is still an open topic.

New Business

Lt Reed brought up discussion on COG and bypass, there have been some communication issues. Meeting at St V's last week they were talking about EMS bypass vs BLS bypass, they can still take specialty patients when on bypass, which seems to be missing in COG somehow. Should review with dispatcher, Dennis said they are working with Ralph on that. Need to clearly communicate with EMS dispatch that you have a specialty patient i.e OB which may or may not be impacted by the ED bypass.

Discussion about UT on Friday at 10pm went on ems bypass planned because switching computer system at hospital to EPIC, let them do it and watched status board to see if needed to force them back open, the board stayed open. Was there any difficulties with that? No issues were raised.

Discussion of potential cybersecurity issues. Expectation is that hospitals will go to paper, use their back up system as if it was a disaster. Zak Reed said Mercy does have a contingency plan. Is there a plan for Lucas County if the CAD system goes down? Dennis said yes, sometimes CAD gets taken down for updates. What about report writing? Are there paper copies? ESO would be a different system and it is cloud based so there is no contingency if ESO went out. There are two pathways to ESO though.

Brent said CE has started up in September. They are preparing for October and November CE. Will have a schedule for next year out mid-November.

LS dispatch for ALS but first responders on scene want to downgrade to BLS, do we have to make med control contact every time? Have had issues with a doctor requiring ALS transport but medics all agree it is a BLS patient. If make a determination before evaluation because it is very minor i.e stubbed toe, don't have to call med control. Bullet points D and E are conflicting. Brent will look at them. Are supposed to call if downgrading but deeming is different.

Lt Reed asked about vending machines, for bulkier items? That will still be in locker, based on room available. CPAPS are in locker.

Dennis gave an update on vehicles. Still don't have delivery date on vehicles ordered last year. The ones we ordered this year they are saying over two years. LS 1 had an accident last week. Really challenging to get any kind of repair parts. Discussed in policy board that we need to order three rigs not two, Dennis said they want to have a conversation with folks about what to change in boxes. If anyone has an idea about how to modify boxes let us know. Dennis wants to get away from diesels – especially a problem with how much idling we do. Also looking at other directions like the ford transits as an example. Mercy is ordering 4 Ford Transits as ALS and BLS transport vehicles. Some concern about how much space is available to work on patients. Discussion about bringing over a demo to have folks feel them out. Reach out with comments on all these issues.

Brandon asked if we could put LS 9 in the Tahoe, it can transport much easier. That would be a system design change.

Craig said bid list is complete, about two weeks out from being able to purchase. Have exhausted supply so trying to keep above water now. January everyone will be learning about OP IQ electronic inventory in CE. Narcotics will also be electronic. Will require crews to use changeover sheets any time a changeover is completed. Countywide check sheet to be complete, too many issues lately. Please get with us in the next week or two to make sure important stuff gets on changeover sheet. There will be blank spots but there will be a standardized sheet. Still waiting on fire chiefs to make decision on new onboarding process. Operating vs non-operating chiefs.

Kristie spoke to how having smaller facilities on BLS bypass effects bigger hospitals.

Adjournment

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

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 14th, at 9:00 a.m., in person with virtual as an option.