

LCEMS POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 5, 2023

Members Present:

Chief Barry Cousino  
Chief Mike Ramm  
Chief Allison Armstrong  
Brian Byrd  
Matthew Heyrman - nonvoting member  
Dennis Cole – nonvoting member  
David Lindstrom, M.D. - nonvoting member

Representing:

Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department  
Toledo Fire Department  
City of Toledo Safety Director  
Lucas County Deputy Administrator  
LCEMS Director  
LCEMS Medical Director

Members Absent:

Mayor Michael Sefarian  
Mayor Richard Carr  
Trustee Robert Bethel  
Mayor Donald Atkinson  
Trustee John Jennewine  
Chris Goliver, M.D.  
Kevin Bernhard  
Clayton O'Brien  
Jason Francis

City of Oregon, Mayor  
City of Maumee, Mayor  
Springfield Twp. Trustee  
Village of Whitehouse, Mayor  
Sylvania Twp. Trustee  
Hospital Council of NW Ohio  
Monclova Twp.  
Oregon Fire Department  
Whitehouse Fire Department

Attendees:

Chief Matthew Homik  
Chief Doug Meyer  
Schuyler Beckwith  
Vicki Schmidt  
Stacey Mitchell  
Ralph Shearn  
Zak Reed  
Mark Briggs  
Martin Fuller  
Kirk Keane  
Dani Branum  
Tom Boggs, MD  
Jonathon Ziehr  
Tim Zwayer, M.D.  
Tom Yunker  
Robert Deleon  
Tammy Ohrt  
Chief Mark Mullins

Monclova Twp Fire Department  
Waterville Fire Department  
LCEMS  
LCEMS  
RCOG Director  
RCOG Fire/EMS Communications Manager  
Toledo Fire Department  
LCEMS CE  
Whitehouse Fire / Life Flight  
Toledo Fire Department  
ProMedica Flower (Zoom)  
UTMC (Zoom)  
Springfield Twp. Fire / LCEMS  
ProMedica Freestanding (Zoom)  
Washington Twp Fire Dept (Zoom)  
Mercy (Zoom)  
Toledo Fire Department  
Oregon Fire Department

## **Call to Order**

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

## **Minute Approval**

The meeting minutes from April 10 were distributed for review. Chief Ramm made a motion to approve. Chief Armstrong second. All approve.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Paramedic Committee**

The draft minutes from May Paramedic Committee meeting were distributed for review. Dr Lindstrom reviewed the minutes.

### **Medical Committee**

The draft minutes from April's Medical Committee meeting were distributed for review. Chief Cousino discussed the Medical Committee meeting this morning. Draft minutes will be distributed before the next meeting.

## **EMS System Modernization**

One EMT and One Paramedic : no movement on this, waiting on the state board of EMS. Amendment to current contract on hold. Dr Lindstrom said he and Ralph have been working together to identify for dispatchers which incidents still need two paramedics on scene. Once they finish initial discussion will try to put together a report of how frequent that may happen. Will give us a sense of what impact this change will have on day to day function. Will have by next meeting. If you have a lot of questions should sit down with Dr Lindstrom and Ralph so they can go through the details.

Modernization Update : Dennis said they are in process of having regional meetings.

Jon discussed splitting and dividing of assets. He has been meeting with all jurisdictions. All assets will not be pulled back in to the county. Whatever assets Chiefs have will stay there. Vending machines have been discussed as well. Will come with delivery, would be moved to whichever fire department wants them. Service contract needs to be transferred to that jurisdiction. Service contract is about \$2500 per year per set. Jon is waiting on Waterville and Whitehouse to respond on whether they want them or not. Lifesquads, first three LS coming in one is scheduled Q4 2023 two other are possibly Q4 2024. If LS 10 is totaled, that would be replaced with one of those new rigs. To date, no fire chief has stated they don't want a fully stocked unit. Backup rigs will be equipped based on available spare equipment including lifepaks and autovents.

CE equipment list – Chief Mullins heading up CE sub committee that gets all the medical directors together and linking up protocols. Put list out of high ticket items for review and is

hearing a lot of chatter from fire chiefs that it might be nice to break up into regions for shared use.

Dennis clarified that the demo they're doing with mercy Perrysburg starts tomorrow June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7am. Open radio on med channel 12 to contact Mercy Perrysburg directly instead of going through dispatch.

### **CE Update**

Mark Briggs said ACLS is complete. Currently working on CE for next 8 hours. Should be out on EMS1 by middle of June. Eight one hour programs for Paramedics to complete by the end of October.

### **EMS Billing Update**

Month of May \$370,191.34 brought actual YTD 1,680,501.85. Estimated budget for this year is \$4 million so right on track for that.

### **Lights and Sirens**

White paper was distributed. Still in conversation. Chief Armstrong asked if in response to incident or transport to hospital? Chief Cousino said both, they're trying to reduce code 3 all around. No written policy about which are code 3 vs code 2. Chief Cousino said he doesn't think we need a policy, it is situational. Chief Armstrong said in her experience when her drivers have tried to slow down dispatch won't allow it. Dennis said he needs some kind of policy saying this is the plan. Not gaining any patient care value by going lights and sirens, may be causing more situations because of accidents. Chief Ramm asked if that was something Dr Lindstrom and Ralph could look at as they're going through the cards? Dr Lindstrom said they do not want to create conflict between dispatch and the departments. He perceived it as a fire chief issue – it is how they operate, not a medical director issue. Ralph said if they have someone on scene requesting code 2 they will slow them down. Chief Armstrong said they are already policing that. Dr Lindstrom said the next step would be to go through cards in detail with a group of fire chiefs and deciding if they are comfortable with the COG making adjustments. Dennis said if there is a first responder on scene why does the responding lifesquad need to go code 3? Dr Lindstrom and Ralph will work a couple chiefs to put together a list of codes.

### **EMS Microwave Phones/Hospital notification**

Mercy Perrysburg Open Radio Demo Start 6/6/23 at 0700: keeping this on folks minds.

### **Open Discussion**

Chief Ramm proposed that we start Policy Board at 9:30 instead of 10:30. Moved by Chief Ramm and seconded by Chief Cousino. All approved.

### **Adjournment**

Chief Armstrong motioned to adjourn Chief Ramm second at 10:59 am. All approve. The next Policy Board Meeting is scheduled on August 7 at 9:30am.