

**LCEMS POLICY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
September 12, 2023

**Members Present:**

Chief Barry Cousino  
Chief Mike Ramm  
Pete Gerken  
Chief Clayton O'Brien  
Chief Jason Francis  
Joel Mazur  
Matthew Heyrman - nonvoting member  
Dennis Cole – nonvoting member

**Representing:**

Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp. Fire Department  
Lucas County Commissioner  
Oregon Fire Department  
Whitehouse Fire Department  
Oregon City Administrator (Zoom)  
Lucas County Deputy Administrator  
LCEMS Director

**Members Absent:**

Mayor Richard Carr  
Trustee Robert Bethel  
Mayor Donald Atkinson  
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Trustee John Jennewine  
Chris Goliver, M.D.  
David Lindstrom, M.D. – nonvoting member

City of Maumee, Mayor  
Springfield Twp. Trustee  
Village of Whitehouse, Mayor  
City of Toledo  
Sylvania Twp. Trustee  
Hospital Council of NW Ohio  
LCEMS Medical Director

**Attendees:**

Chief Matthew Homik  
Chief Doug Meyer  
Chief Tony Parasiliti  
Bryce Blair  
Chris Nye  
Vicki Schmidt  
Stacey Mitchell  
Ralph Shearn  
Zak Reed  
Kirk Keene  
Tim Clapp  
Jonathon Ziehr  
Brent Parquette  
Deanna Montanaro  
Robert Deleon  
Amanda Aplin  
Jean Butler  
Chris Richmond

Monclova Twp Fire Department  
Waterville Fire Department  
Jerusalem Township Fire  
Toledo Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp Fire Department (Zoom)  
LCEMS  
RCOG Director  
RCOG (Zoom)  
Toledo Fire Department  
Toledo Fire Department  
Toledo Fire Department  
Springfield Twp. Fire / LCEMS  
LCEMS CE  
ProMedica (Zoom)  
Mercy (Zoom)  
ProMedica (Zoom)  
ProMedica Toledo (Zoom)  
HCNO (Zoom)

## Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

## Minute Approval

Minutes from August 28 were provided for review. Chief Ramm motioned to approve, Clapp second. All approve.

## EMS System Modernization

### ALS Transport Response Time

Eric gave a presentation about how CAD will work in dispatch. Used two test incidents simulated to be happening at the same time to show the timeline of how and when paramedics will be dispatched. Eric also explained that CAD cannot search by neighboring region. It can only look for closest appropriate units. Matt H asked for clarification on engines being considered ALS units – CAD will only look for ALS transport units, looks to the region first, any units in the region. CAD has to go out and look for ALS transport unit, it cannot move paramedics from engine to ambulance.

Matt H emphasized that the only time the county would use the contract to move money between jurisdictions (would never take it back) would be in a situation that a region is consistently not having the appropriate response time, gave Napoleon example. Chief Cousino said this is a moot issue because with exception of townships, all units will be ALS capable under the new system.

Eric said he and Ralph have met with only three jurisdictions for response plan updates. They have more meetings scheduled.

Dennis said they are still looking at the number for ALS Transport Time – 9 minutes is the standard for the contract, still up for discussion. In the future units won't get stuck in the Toledo vortex as often because dispatch will pull from central first. Matt H said contract as it sits says they are looking at the average of the previous three years as the standard. Want to confirm that they are moving away from NFPA standard because it requires two ALS resources on a transport – don't want to link to a standard that we will not meet. Looking at average time for ALS resource to be onscene defined as a transport unit with one paramedic and one EMT. Not going to reference NFPA but everyone is on board with 9 minutes, Matt said we do not want to identify number of minutes. Is the response time a critical indicator for us? Yes. Current time is 8-10 with a first responder on scene. Jon said average times right now were just below 8 minutes, Toledo was well below that and outlying were a bit above that. **Chief Ramm made a motion to accept the average of the three previous calendar years, leave it in the contract the way it was written. Chief Francis second. All approve.**

Matt asked if folks would feel better if there was very specific language in the contract that money would only be moved if there is a jurisdiction that could provide a more efficient response? Discussion had on this issue.

For those jurisdictions that don't currently have a life squad the three-year average will roll and they will crush it.

Jon discussed spreadsheet he provided regarding mutual aid – chart is response times to south and southwest area. X factor time will greatly affect what happens in that area. Discussion regarding the numbers presented and x factor numbers. **Chief Homik made motion to use 9 minutes as the first number and 2 minutes as the second number. Chief Francis second. All approve.** Matt discussed contract language changes regarding mutual aid to reflect these changes.

Dennis asked if everyone has signed up to meet with Eric and Ralph. Yes. They are meant to help jurisdictions understand potential changes in their response plans.

## **Open Discussion**

Discussion about go dates for the jurisdictions. Toledo is committed to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Matt said that they will make the changes and send a final draft as soon as possible so Chiefs can take the final draft to their administrations and come back to Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Board meeting and endorse that plan. Then the County will go back and brief all administrators and elected officials of 12 subdivisions and their councils. This process is not likely to be done by Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion of challenges of jurisdictions going different dates. Discussion of changes that could be made to dispatch to work through the transition. Distribution of resources will be delayed until Toledo leaves EMS system. Could get Monclova and Waterville getting their units or some items to get started. Need to make a decision on dates. Chief Ramm said it was discussed at the Chiefs meeting that suburbs would go Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and Toledo go June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Matt and Jon said as short a time between the two times the better. More discussion was had about coverage of south and southwest areas in the time between when suburban jurisdictions and Toledo go. Chief Cousino said he would be willing to look at a March 1<sup>st</sup> go time for suburban districts. Stacey asked if we could have one incident number for runs with multiple jurisdictions responding. Discussion about how that affects record management. EMS equipment distribution will be delayed until after Toledo Fire leaves the EMS system June 3, 2024. County is not intending to provide any CE moving forward, that will be responsibilities of jurisdictions. **Chief Cousino made a motion for suburban jurisdictions to go March 1, 2024 and Toledo Fire transition June 3, 2024. Chief Ramm second. All approved.**

Bryce asked Dennis how long EMS intends to operate the Annex. Dennis said the intent is for the annex to be in operation until Toledo leaves the system. Matt made the point that these operational details will be decided in other forums. Dennis asked the Chiefs to connect with their administrators once they get the final draft of the contract.

**Next meeting will be October 2nd at 8:30am.** Chief Ramm moved and Chief Homik second.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.