

**LCEMS POLICY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
June 3, 2024

**Members Present:**

Chief Jason Francis  
Chief Doug Meyer  
Chief Allison Armstrong  
Chief Chris Nye  
Chief Matthew Homik  
Chief Jonathon Ziehr  
Chief Clayton O'Brien  
Dennis Cole – nonvoting member  
Matthew Heyrman - nonvoting member

**Representing:**

Whitehouse Fire Department  
Waterville Fire  
Toledo Fire Department (Zoom)  
Sylvania Twp. Fire (Zoom)  
Monclova Twp. Fire  
Springfield Twp. Fire  
Oregon Fire Department  
LCEMS Director  
Lucas County Deputy Administrator

**Members Absent:**

Mayor Jim MacDonald  
Mayor Mike Sefarian  
Trustee Robert Bethel  
Mayor Richard Bingham  
Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Trustee John Jennewine

City of Maumee, Mayor  
City of Oregon, Mayor  
Springfield Twp. Trustee  
Village of Whitehouse, Mayor  
City of Toledo  
Sylvania Twp. Trustee

**Attendees:**

Chief Mike Bailey  
Chief Kirk Keane  
Chief Tony Parasiliti  
Chief Mark Mullins  
Jeff Bennett  
Andrew Sauder  
Andrew Vascik  
Derek Francis  
Ralph Shearn  
Craig Koperski  
Mark Briggs  
Don Murray  
Todd Brookens, M.D.  
Stacey Mitchell  
LaDonna Putnam  
Tammy Ohrt  
Brent Parquette  
Sarah Elms  
Julie Benfield  
Don Waggoner

Washington Twp. Fire  
Toledo Fire Department  
Jerusalem Fire Department  
Oregon Fire Department  
Sylvania Twp Fire (Zoom)  
Springfield Twp. Fire (Zoom)  
Springfield Twp. Fire  
Monclova Twp Fire (Zoom)  
RCOG  
LCEMS / Sylvania Twp Fire (Zoom)  
LCEMS  
Jerusalem Twp Fire  
Toledo Fire Medical Director  
RCOG  
RCOG  
Toledo Fire Department  
LCEMS  
Lucas County Commissioners PIO  
UTMC (Zoom)  
ProMedica (Zoom)

Kevin Sanders	ProMedica (Zoom)
Deanna Montanaro	ProMedica Metro EC (Zoom)
Nicole Knepper	Mercy (Zoom)
Laura Di Mario	Mercy (Zoom)
Kristie Gallagher	ProMedica (Zoom)
David Wellons	Mercy (Zoom)
Amanda Aplin	ProMedica (Zoom)
Emily Medina	Mercy (Zoom)
Jean Butler	ProMedica (Zoom)
Robert DeLeon	Mercy (Zoom)
Dan Kemple, M.D.	ProMedica (Zoom)
Josh Gwin	ProMedica (Zoom)

## **Call to Order**

Chief Francis called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

### **Approve Minutes**

Chief Ziehr motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 6<sup>th</sup>. Chief O'Brien second. All approved the minutes.

**Paramedic Committee:** - Canceled until after transition.

**Medical Committee:** - Next Scheduled meeting July 1, 2024 at 8:30 AM

### **EMS Billing Update**

May billing was \$7,881.36 with ytd \$764,106.28. Still not able to bill or send facesheets. Will get an update this week. They have made contact with ESO so they can get our ESO reports.

### **EMS System Modernization Update**

Dennis discussed the plan for Jerusalem and Oregon to leave the EMS system today. A resolution will be approved at next week's meeting, the reso for Jerusalem will happen in August. Oregon will leave the life squad here today and have it back before tomorrow. Maumee is going to operate LS 7 through midnight tonight, Toledo will take over 7AM Tuesday morning. All set with the COG. All the other life squads minus 7 will be covering between midnight and 7 am. Ralph discussed how that will work tonight through tomorrow morning with coverage. Closest ALS unit. Toledo operating LS 7 out of station 4 starting at 7 am. All calls will be going through dispatch. Toledo will use back-up 19 in station 4. EMS will pick-up life squad 7 from Maumee at 9:00 AM Tuesday. Discussion of pagers and programming them as LS 7. Chief Ziehr discussed their willingness to help overnight with coverage. Chief O'Brien discussed where his ALS units will be housed for now and he will touch base with Ralph about details. Tammy Ohrt said people are confused as to how coverage will happen after transition, is Toledo responding initially or is Springfield going to come into Toledo first (starting August 5<sup>th</sup>). Dennis clarified that the 9 and 2 rule will go into effect after August 5<sup>th</sup>, dealing with ALS transport medic units.

### **Direct Radio Communication to Mercy/St. Vincent Hospital Eds**

Dennis said they have been working on moving towards open radio contact with the hospitals. Mercy has the parts for alerting and are working through getting them up and running with P&R. UTMC has connected with P&R about the alerting piece, Julia Benfield gave update about their status. COG is looking at July 1<sup>st</sup> to go open radio with all hospitals. Dennis asked if hospitals are ok with that. No one objected. EMS gatekeeper will no longer be there as of 7am on July 1st. Chief Meyer will send out channel list to Chiefs. He will also send the list of fire department contacts to the hospitals. Dr. Kemple asked for updates to be sent to Monroe. Ralph said he will make sure he and Monroe get added to the list.

### **Open Discussion**

Dennis opened discussion on how private ambulances will be incorporated into new system. ProMedica has purchased Field Ops and they want to know if they should continue that? Chief Meyer said they don't get help from privates now so the group had discussed that they would not need it. Don Waggoner said he understands. Point of the whole thing was that it makes it easier for the EMS dispatcher to assign privates based on location and availability. More discussion is needed.

Chief Parasiliti asked about air ambulance – Ralph said they should stick with Channel 13. Would the department call dispatch to request or should they just go on ch 13? Ralph said to come across radio first to request air ambulance, dispatch will assign air ambulance once its available.

Chief O'Brien asked about single incident – Eric explained that after August 5<sup>th</sup> the COG IT will ask each department to change the "I am responding" portion. ESO is done on the backside, tested with Oregon. If anyone is using "I am responding" need to change those settings so they don't get multiple incidents.

Next Policy Board Meeting – July 1, 2024 at 9:30 am. June 12<sup>th</sup> is the next weekly transition meeting. The transition meeting scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be canceled. The Wednesday meetings will be scheduled through mid-August. Will focus on punch list items in weekly meetings.

Chief Armstrong made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 am, Chief O'Brien second. All approved.