



**PUBLIC SAFETY-URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP (PS-UAWG)
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**



Date/Time: Thursday, July 12, 2012 / 2:00 P.M.

Location: Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS D)
4747 East 49th Street, Cuyahoga Hts., OH 44125

Attendees (Voting Board Members)

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NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Chief Kenneth Ledford	✓	Chairman – Fire Chiefs Assoc.		
Chief Mark Ramach		Co-Chair – (Fire Committee)		
Norberto Colón		Cuyahoga County Rep.	Vallerie Propper	✓
Laura Palinkas	✓	City of Cleveland Rep.	Larry Jones II	
Mayor Joseph M. Cicero, Jr.	✓	Mayors & Managers Rep.		
Chief Daniel Gilles	✓	Police Chiefs Assoc.		
Sherri Lippus		Township Trustee (Olmsted Twp.)	Asst. Chief John Rice	
Jim Willson		MMRS	Ron Kauntz	✓
Robert Horwatt	✓	City of Cleveland Rep.		
Harold Pretel	✓	City of Cleveland Rep.		
Walter Topp	✓	Emergency Management	Brandy Carney	
Sheriff Bob Reid		Cuyahoga County Sheriff	Tim Oleksiak	✓-L
Chief John P. Joyce	✓	GCRTA	Lamont Lockhart	
FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES				
Peter Killmer – Chair		AMS *Non-Voting	Robert Kollar – Co Chair	
Sharon Nicastro - Chair	✓	Citizen Corps	Michelene Holland – Co Chair	
Chief Christopher Flynn - Chair	✓	Communications	Peter Greene – Co Chair	
Chief Joseph Zemek - Chair	✓	EMS	Chief Briant Galgas – Co Chair	
Chief Mark Ramach – Chair		Fire	Chief Mario Bellido – Co Chair	✓
Beth Gatlin - Chair	✓	Health & Medical	Rebecca Hysing – Co Chair	✓
Chief Scott Lee - Chair	✓	Law Enforcement	Chief Kevin Nietert – Co Chair	
Bob Girardi - Chair		Public Works	Rick Gladys– Co Chair	✓

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman: Chief Ledford called the meeting of the Public Safety Urban Area Working Group, July 12, 2012 to order.

2. QUORUM DETERMINATION

The roll was called by Michelle Norton and it was determined a quorum was in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Ledford asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2012 meeting: Chief Zemek moved; Mayor Cicero seconded; all in favor; none opposed; minutes approved.

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5. OEM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Brandy Carney discussed the bylaws revisions, noting recommendation and comments received. A request for revisions to be resent with tracking changes in the document, along with Rules of CCESAB. Vote for adoption to be held at the next meeting.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AMS – No Report

Citizen Corps – Sharon Nicastro

Report on purchase of shelter equipment for functional needs with FY2009 funds. FY2010 funding will support purchase of radios approved by the Communications Committee.

Communications – Chief Christopher Flynn

Committee met, discussed disbursement of radios and support of recipients who use them daily for all operations; Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP) seminar upcoming.

Chief Lee commented on the radio distribution and issue of “daily” use as opposed to “primary” use with regard to legality and language in the applications. Paula Young clarified the language was at the behest of the Communications Committee, Prosecutor’s Office had no determination in the process, except as it related to an admin transfer.

EMS – Chief Joseph Zemek

Committee met and discussed additional scanners countywide along with priorities for next funding cycle. Noted \$55K in funds leftover from FY2010, offered back to the group.

Fire – Chief Mario Bellido

Committee met to discuss spending priorities for each discipline, to be presented today.

Health/Medical – Beth Gatlin

Committee met and discussed FY2012 projects for the county application. 28 portable radiation detector portals received, stored, and available for county use.

Law Enforcement – Chief Scott Lee

Committee met and discussed investment justifications. Noted Steve Greene of Parma Hts. will now represent LE on the Communications Committee.

Public Safety/EMA- No Report

Public Works – Ricky Gladly

Reported on recent meeting with Northern Ohio Service Directors Association; goal to raise awareness on equipment available in the county; working with grants on training opportunities.

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7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

8. PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS

Paula Young led the review and discussion for FY2012 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant and the Region II-five County approach to the application; to include Lake, Lorain, Ashtabula, Geauga and Cuyahoga County; projected funding of \$3,123,716 for State of Ohio; reiterating focus on sustainment, closing gaps and building new capabilities.

Initial review of requests totaled \$1,152,433.00. Extended discussion and reassessment by each committee who made requests, and in consideration of a regional application, the amount was reduced to \$977,933.00.

Chief Ledford called for a Motion to approve the application for FY2012 SHSP to be submitted to State as amended: Chief Zemek moved; Mayor Cicero seconded; All in favor; None opposed.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS / MISC. BUSINESS

Chief Ledford proposed drafting a letter to the County Executive and City of Cleveland Mayor requesting support for this group in light of decreased federal grant funding; suggested portion of casino revenue could be used for sustainment.

Alan Finkelstein of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) updated the Population Protection project with Cleveland State University, and the Lake County Geographical Information System (GIS) system collaboration; he thanked the group for its support.

10. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSB).

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Ledford adjourned the meeting.