



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**



**Communications Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Location: Independence Fire Station  
6305 Selig Road  
Independence, OH 44131

**Attendees (Voting Committee Members)**

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Chief Christopher Flynn - Chair	<b>X</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	Chief Chris Lyons	
Steven Greene	<b>X</b>	<b>Vice Chair – (Law Enforcement)</b>	Nick DiCicco	
Randy Kimbro	<b>X</b>	<b>Brook Park</b>	Lt. Tom Cramer	
Brad Handke		<b>City of Cleveland Rep.</b>	Vince Mercurio	
Laura Palinkas		<b>City of Cleveland Rep.</b>	Larry Jones II	
Thomas Stacho		<b>City of Cleveland Rep.</b>	Lt. Reynaldo Ortiz	
Supervisor 1 Shawn Smith		<b>CECOMS</b>	Supervisor 2 Alison Schmotzer	<b>X</b>
Brandy Carney		<b>Cuyahoga County</b>	Bill Belardo	
Norberto Colon		<b>Cuyahoga County</b>	Vallerie Propper	
Chief Scott Gilman	<b>X</b>	<b>Fire</b>		
Chief William Turner	<b>X</b>	<b>Fire</b>	Chief Chris Lyons	
Tom Cannell		<b>Hospitals</b>	Beth Gatlin	
Pete Greene	<b>X</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>		
Chief Bruce Elliott	<b>X</b>	<b>MARCS</b>	Chief Tom Robinson	
Chief Dave Freeman		<b>MARCS</b>		
Mayor Cicero		<b>Mayors &amp; Managers Rep.</b>		
George Balasko	<b>X</b>	<b>PARMA</b>	Capt. Ronald Heffern	
Mike Lasky		<b>PARMA</b>	Lt. Tesmer	
Rob Jamieson		<b>Public Works</b>	Bob Girardi	
Lisa Raffurty	<b>X</b>	<b>Regional Dispatch</b>	Chief Dave Freeman	
Nick Pishnery	<b>X</b>	<b>Regional Dispatch</b>	Kristina Eich	

**Others in Attendance:** T. Blau, N. DiCicco, M. Terwilliger, C. Haddon, J. McClain, D. Leff, S. Garwood, J. Dresek, S. Rega, M. Wodarczyk, T. Welch

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION**
  - By Chief Flynn at 9:38 AM
  - Roll Call, Quorum not established
  
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - No Public Comment.

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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Acceptance of the March 13, 2013 minutes will be completed in the June 2013 meeting.

**4. SIEC REPRESENTATIVE**

- CCEASAB approved G. Balasko with alternate B. Turner for Cuyahoga County representative on the SIEC as a 12 month term membership. Nominations for SIEC representative will take place in February 2014.
- At the April 2013 SIEC on behalf of Cuyahoga County, G. Balasko requested training funds for an ACU 1000 Course. SIEC will follow up with Sima Merick, Assistant Director Ohio Emergency Management Agency.
- G. Balasko inquired whether there was an ACU 1000 available. SIEC would send this request out.
- S. Garwood noted at the APCO meeting some have mentioned that spare parts of an ACU 1000 are available.
- G. Balasko reported out on the MARCS project update that they are moving along upgrading the system throughout Ohio. They are trying for 12 million dollars in the next budget in order to provide schools and a radio that would be linked to a PSAP.

**5. REALLOCATION UPDATE**

- 365 radios are in the process of being purchased with the reallocation of funds and the FY 11 communications funding.

**6. IECGP**

- COMT and COML course went well with positive feedback from attendees.
- An ACU 1000 class is being held May 8 -9, 2013 in Orange Village.

**7. TALK GROUP UPDATE**

- S. Garwood is starting with the existing template and modifying and then will send to City of Cleveland and then to Parma to put in their information.
- TICP meeting will take place after next Communications Committee meeting.

**8. CUYAHOGA COUNTY EXERCISES**

- If interested in opportunities to be an evaluator or controller for an exercise or have an opportunity to complete a task book for COML/COMT, please forward your name to Tammy Blau.
- Upcoming exercises
  - LEPC – Funding FY 10 UASI – HAZMAT – Functional Exercise, Wednesday, May 22, 2013
  - Case Western Reserve Exercise – Private Funding Source - Full Scale, Saturday, June 15, 2013
  - RTA – Private Funding Source – Tabletop, Thursday, June 27, 2013
  - Port Security – Funding Port Security Grant – Drills, June 2013

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- J. McClain discussed the Boston incident and how the 205s changed as the incident evolved.
- CASM is updated and will accept mobile assets
- UH Medevac now has 8TAC92D and 8TAC94D in their aircraft for 7x users as replacement for AirMD-1(AIRMED1) and AirMD-2 (AIRMED2) on MARCS 3.5 system.
- Attorney General's office is hosting the Profile of an Active Shooter at the Natural History Museum on May 20, 2013 from 9-12 PM. If interested contact [dleff@universitycircle.org](mailto:dleff@universitycircle.org)
- ICS 400 being offered at Cleveland Heights June 18 and 19, 2013.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- No executive session conducted.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

- Next meeting June 12, 2013. Location Independence Fire Station

**12. ADJOURNMENT**