



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

**Communications Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

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

**Attendees (Voting Committee Members)**

| NAME                   | Present | ASSOCIATION                    | ALTERNATE               | Present |
|------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Chief William Shaw     |         | Chairman                       |                         |         |
| Steven Greene          | X       | Vice Chair – (Law Enforcement) | Craig Bollinger         |         |
| Randy Kimbro           |         | Brook Park                     | Lt. Tom Cramer          | X       |
| Brad Handke            | X       | City of Cleveland Rep.         | Courtney Newman         |         |
| Laura Palinkas         | X       | City of Cleveland Rep.         | Jack McCarthy           |         |
| Debra Cavett           | X       | City of Cleveland Rep.         | Lt. Reynaldo Oritz      |         |
| Supervisor Shawn Smith | X       | CECOMS                         | Supervisor Jackie Costa |         |
| Brandy Carney          |         | Cuyahoga County                | Nancy Kolcan            | X       |
| Pete Greene            | X       | Cuyahoga County                |                         |         |
| Chief Scott Gilman     | X       | Fire                           | Chief Rega              |         |
| Chief Chris Lyons      |         | Fire                           | Chief Turner            | X       |
| Kevin Friis            |         | Hospitals                      | Beth Gatlin             |         |
| Nick DiCicco           | X       | Law Enforcement                | Carol Haddon            |         |
| Chief Bruce Elliott    | X       | MARCS                          | Chief Tom Robinson      |         |
| Jim Heath              | X       | MARCS                          | Chief Freeman           |         |
|                        |         | Law Enforcement                |                         |         |
| George Balasko         | X       | PARMA                          | Capt. Ronald Heffern    |         |
| Mike Lasky             |         | PARMA                          | T.J. Martin             | X       |
| Rob Jamieson           |         | Public Works                   | Bob Girardi             |         |
| Tim Clapp              | X       | Regional Dispatch              | Jack McCarthy           |         |
| Ron Barlow             | X       | Regional Dispatch              | Kristina Eich           |         |

**Others in Attendance: S. Garwood, C. Newman, M. Wodarczyk, C. Haddon, E. White, D. Freeman, L. Raffurty, B. Adkins, D. Furguson, Z. Bryant, S. Cerrito, C. Bollinger, J. McCarthy.**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION**
  - Called to order by Steven Greene at 9:35 AM.
  - Roll Call conducted, 17 voting members, quorum met.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - None

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**3. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES**

- TJ Martin motioned to approve the March 9th minutes. Cramer pointed out last bullet under 9 need adjustment.
- Re-motioned by Martin and second by Cramer. All ayes and 2 abstained.
- Cramer motioned and Martin seconded the March 28 minutes. Approved by all ayes.

**4. CCESAB MEETING/RADIO REQUESTS AND UASI FUNDS**

- Chief Gillman attended, 2.1 million available.
- Most of the Tier I radios were funded. Except for \$9,000.
- Tier II radios are being partially funded but other funds are being asked to be used as they become available.

**5. COUNTY WIDE FIRE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

- Next fire chiefs meeting is the 28th of April and the last test will be brought up at that point.
- CECOMS MABAS was tested last night and works fine.

**6. EXERCISES/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION**

- LAPC EXERCISE IS May 21<sup>st</sup> out at Tri-C East. Anyone interested can contact Drew Ferguson for participation.

**7. RNC**

- Brad Handke is working out programming and participation.
- Many agencies who are not a part of the RNC are asking for radios and talk groups.
- Both the state and city are not providing these because many listeners will tax the system. If a MARCS customer wants access or will be using their talk groups, all users are asked to contact Dick Miller. City users are to contact Brad Handke.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

- Reallocated radios for awarded agencies are in Greene's office and will asset transfer them out soon.
- SWAT radios are being purchased. The encryption is being purchased. Brad will have 4 talk groups ready by today for the SWAT teams. Garwood suggests that a 700 MHz NPSPAC simplex be used but cannot be encrypted.
- Pete Greene presented that NPSPAC needs to be reviewed and is looking for recommendations for future usage and control. Steve Greene suggested that all sites should be voted and left on much like a normal county wide system.
- Turner expressed concern about suburban agencies being able to use their daily talk groups and if there will be overloading where they have no access.
- Brad Handke is working on trying to monitor the system and make sure that random usage is not out of control.
- Brad reported that xMTAC 9 & 10 as well as MTAC 9 & 10 will be used for RNC usage. All other MTAC's will be available to daily use.
- Dick Miller needs to be contacted and a request made as to what he expects to be used and for what.
- Much talk was made that agencies should have a plan B such as using a UHF system as a backup if the trucked system goes down.
- The COML certificates from 2 years ago will be sent out in 6-8 weeks.
- Balasko reported that the MARCS user's fees are changing.

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**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- No executive session conducted.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

- May 11, possibly at Bedford Medical Offices, location of CVD and the new CECOMS.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn by Bollinger, second by all.
- Adjourned at 10:30 AM