

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes June 13, 2012

**Attending:** T. Blau, C. Flynn, P. Greene, G. Balasko, N. Pishnery, B. Campbell, M. Kelly, D. Homerick, S. Greene, L. Mariola, C. Haddon, L. Raffurty, B. Carney, P. Young, D. Leff, G. Rowe, S. Powell, D. Ferguson, N. DiCicco, S. Szeredy, M. Terwilliger, B. Shaw

**Call to Order**

- By Chief Flynn at 9:35 AM
- Roll Call, Voting members, Quorum established.

**Minutes**

- S. Gilman motioned to approve minutes from May 9, 2012. N. DiCicco second, Motion passed with one abstention.

**Public Comments**

- No Public Comments

**Antennae**

- P. Greene has been attempting and will continue to try to get technical clarification whether or not the antennas that are on the current MARCS radios (800/900 MHz) will remain suitable for the new MARCS 700 MHz system.

**Committee Members**

- The UAWG bylaws state there is minimum of 7 and maximum of 21 voting members. Each committee needs to determine representation and how they operate. It is suggested that the Committees should have representation from the 9 planning regions.
- Communications Committee can present at the main UAWG their intentions for membership.

**Motobridge**

- B. Shaw requested guidance from the committee as to whether continue supporting the Motobridge and if so, who will bears the cost of upgrading and providing training. B. Shaw discussed that the Motobridge was a short term fix at the beginning of interoperability but as they move toward 700/800 MHz system and along with the BSSA and other command vehicles is the Motobridge still something to invest in. Is continued investment in the Motobridge a means of encouraging others to maintain their legacy system
- A request was made to get information on the cost of upgrading the Motobridges and training.

**Radio Requests**

- N. DiCicco reported Darryl Anderson with MARCS is guaranteeing the currently monthly MARCS fee of \$2.52/month for 2 years beginning July 1, 2012.
- MARCS will program for free, however, there may be a wait.
- Past radio orders are inventoried and available. There will be some mobile radios that are not currently accounted for. A list will be provided of any additional equipment.
- There are no changes to the current ranking or recent radio requests.
- Pepper Pike is joining Beachwood for dispatch and is no longer participating in primary use of the radios. N. DiCicco motioned to remove Pepper Pike for the radio requests, G. Balasko seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions.

### **MOU for Radios**

- The proposed language for primary use was forwarded recently to legal for review.

### **Communications Exercise**

- The sub-committee for training and exercise met and developed plan to do 3 seminars on the TICP and include training on MARCS. These seminars will enable attendees to have an understanding of what comprises the TICP, gain knowledge on accessing resources and implementing communications plan.
- A meeting was held with Chief Foster of Brookpark regarding an exercise he was proposing. The group discussed doing a table top exercise with Brookpark, Middleburg Heights and Berea as they share a school system. This table top exercise will incorporate information gained from the TICP seminars.

### **MARCS Price Increase**

- The radio of \$2.52/radio is guaranteed for two years beginning July 1, 2012.
- MARCS Steering Committee set the rate.

### **Old Business**

- B&C Communications the sole responder to the informal RFP was not awarded any funding. There are no current programmers under contract, MARCS will program for free; however, there may be a wait. Can apply to the County for reimbursement but must follow procurement policy and show how vendor was obtained. Under \$1000 three quotes is not necessary.

### **New Business**

- June 26 and 27, 2012 P. Greene will be instructing NIMS 400.
- June 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 Amateur radio will have a field day in Gordon Park.

### **Next Meeting**

- Meeting adjourned.
- Next meeting July 11, 2012 at 9:30 AM at Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District 4747 E. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44125.