



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



Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

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

Others in Attendance: T. Blau, N. DiCicco, M. Terwilliger, C. Haddon, L. Mariola, S. Kasik, T. Cramer, D. Synkowski, J. Drsek, D. Leff, B. Campbell, P. Young, S. Rega, J. Heath

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION**
 - By Chief Flynn at 9:30 AM
 - Roll Call, Quorum established

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - No Public Comment.

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- R. Kimbro motioned to approve January 9, 2013 minutes with correction of heading noting Communications Committee and January 9, 2013 date. B. Elliott seconded. Roll call vote: 13 in favor: 0 abstained: 0 opposed: Motion passed.

4. MARCS CONNECTIVITY

- Dick Miller from MARCS provided input regarding providing redundancy through the use of a point to point microwave system and redundant fiber paths. Agile Communications has a contract with MARCS for this project.
- D. Miller requested an appointment to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) and an alternate as D. Mohr is no longer serving in that role.
- Region 2 also has a position on the board of SIEC that is currently vacant.
- D. Miller reports the National Public Safety Broad Band Network (NPSBN) released 4.6 million to Ohio for this initiative
- The \$2.52/radio rate will remain until June 2014
- MARCS has 2 portable towers on wheels (Tows) that are available for use if needed.
- G. Balasko and Darryl Anderson were in Texas to look at an ISSI for connection between Motorola and Harris. The ISSI worked well, however, it is costly.

5. VOTING MEMBERS

- B. Elliott nominated Chief Freeman from Cleveland Heights Fire Department for the MARCS partnership voting member. B. Turner seconded.
- S. Greene nominated N. DiCicco from Orange Village Police Department. B. Handke seconded.
- G. Balasko motioned to close nominations, B. Turner seconded Roll call vote: 14 in favor: 0 abstained: 0 opposed: Motion passed.
- Roll call vote for the MARCS partnership representative. Chief Freeman will be the MARCS partnership representative.
- CCESAB bylaws have vice chair nominations every odd year. G. Balasko nominated S. Greene, B. Handke seconded.
- R. Kimbro motioned to close nominations, B. Handke seconded Roll call vote: 14 in favor: 0 abstained: 0 opposed: Motion passed.
- Roll call vote for Vice Chair. S. Greene will remain the Vice Chair of the Communications Committee.

6. RADIO TESTING

- G. Balasko questioned whether to test the 7.X radios in addition to the 3.5. As most 7.X are daily use decision was to wait for testing. Command and Control radios need to be upgraded.

7. RADIO CACHE UPDATE

- A letter was sent to Darryl Anderson at MARCS requesting the cache be upgraded to include the 7.X at no cost, MARCS unable to honor this request. Darryl Anderson suggested a letter be sent to the MARCS steering committee. A letter was drafted requesting this topic be up for discussion at the next steering committee meeting.
- S. Greene suggested talking to a Representative regarding the cost of the radios. B. Elliott acknowledged the fire chiefs may be able to do this at their upcoming meeting.
- City of Cleveland did offer to put the radios at no cost at their system. Cache still has MARCS 3.5 and can have additional interoperable zones put in it.
- Cleveland has 16 talkgroups from the Cleveland system that will go into all MARCS radios at no cost. Cleveland cannot put any ecomm channels on users that are not City of Cleveland users. City of Parma needs to get added to the cache.
- Questions regarding the cache as to how often they have been used and are the locations accessible.
- S. Greene motioned that once talkgroups are finalized to move forward and program Cleveland, Parma, Lake and Geauga County into the radio cache. B. Handke seconded. 14 in favor: 0 abstained: 0 opposed: Motion passed.

8. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

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- The CCESAB is discussing the reallocation of funds. The amount is not yet determined but may be between \$440,000 and \$514,000. B. Turner motioned to request the funds for radios B. Carney seconded. 14 in favor: 0 abstained: 0 opposed: Motion passed.

9. HAZMAT RADIOS

- No representative from HAZMAT was present for any discussion.

10. IECGP

- There were two proposals for the COML and COMT course. SEARCH scored the highest and had the lowest cost. Cuyahoga County is moving ahead with these courses and working on the contract. OT/BF may be able to be offered, however, there is an extremely short and tight timeframe for the submission of paper work due to the grant end date of 5/15/13 with no extensions being granted.
- Additional funds in planning and training. B. Carney inquired about Basic Telecommunications courses. ACU-1000 was suggested.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

- D. Leff reported on May 20, 2013 the Attorney General's office is putting on a profile of an active shooter from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the National History Museum. For additional information contact dleff@universitycircle.org.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- No executive session conducted.

13. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting March 13, 2013. Parma Police Department

14. ADJOURNMENT

- B. Turner motioned to adjourn, G. Balasko second. Meeting adjourned.