



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



Date/Time: Thursday, September 13, 2012 / 2:00 P.M.

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

### Attendees (Voting Board Members)

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

### AGENDA ITEMS

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Ledford called the meeting to order.

**2. QUORUM DETERMINATION**

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 August 9, 2012 meeting; Chief Zemek moved, Laura Palinkas seconded; all in favor, none opposed, none abstained, minutes approved.

Chief Ledford deferred from the agenda to allow Laura Palinkas to introduce Glen Moore, newly appointed City of Cleveland Emergency Operations Center Manager, briefly citing his background and experience

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**5. OEM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

Jared McQuiston gave the update in absence of Walter Topp and Brandy Carney due to attendance at a conference in Columbus, Ohio. He reported on National Preparedness Month and OEM's safety event at Independence Middle School on Sept. 20, 2012, and the School Officials Workshop to be held Oct, 26, 2012 at Tri-C Metro United Technology Center. He commented on the Walter Topp's attendance at the FEMA National Preparedness Symposium in August, sharing highlights from the event.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AMS – No Report**

**Citizen Corps – Sharon Nicastro**

Update on procurements from FY09 and FY10 grants, including CERT radios. Volunteer Management workshops will be held Sept. 25, 2012 for anyone interested.

**Communications – Chief Christopher Flynn**

Steve Greene from Parma Hts. Police Dept. elected Vice-Chair. Committee discussed Motobridge and equipment update costs, deciding not to move forward, focusing instead on radio programming and MARC's radio fees to be on the 700 Megahertz system. TICIP Seminar Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at Parma Police Dept. Next committee meeting will be Oct. 10, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

**EMS – Chief Joseph Zemek**

Committee did not meet in August; next meeting is Sept. 17, 2012 Vice-Chair will be elected at that time.

**Fire – Chief Ramach**

Committee did not meet, although USAR and Water teams have been active throughout the County with drills. Chief Mario Bellido is stepping down as Vice-Chair, nominations and election to be held at next meeting.

**Health/Medical – Beth Gatlin**

Committee did not meet in August; next meeting Sept. 28, 2012. Worked with Public Safety Grants on revised investment justifications.

**Law Enforcement – Chief Scott Lee**

Committee did not meet - no report.

**Public Works – No Report**

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**8. PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS**

Paula Young gave an update on FY2012 FEMA monitoring visit; noting schedule sent out for disciplines to meet. Reallocations for FY09 SHSP funding approved; closing UASI FY08 & 09; working on FY10 UASI procurements. FY11 UASI has been approved by the state. FY12 SHSP regional application has been submitted; Walter Topp has been selected as a reviewer; results possibly known by mid October.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS / MISC. BUSINESS**

Chief John Joyce of Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) spoke about the new Command Vehicle onsite today for viewing. He noted the vehicle is available as a regional asset by request; equipment and capabilities were described by Mike Zusman. Laura Palinkas formally thanked Chief Joyce and GCRTA for their support.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSB).

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chief Ledford moved to adjourn; Chief Ramach seconded; all in favor; meeting adjourned.