

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes May 9, 2012

Attending: T. Blau, C. Flynn, P. Greene, M. Kelly, d. Homerick, D. Mohr, J. Jarvis, B. Carney, S. Gilman, G. Rowe, R. Tonelli, C. Haddon, P. Young, D. Paullin, S. Greene, S. Szeredy, N. DiCicco, D. Ferguson, S. Borgia, J. Heath, J. Dresek, L. Raffurty, S. Powell, D. Leff, J. Foster

Call to Order

- By Chief Flynn at 9:05 AM
- Roll Call, Voting members, Quorum established.

Minutes

- D. Mohr motioned to approve minutes from April 3, 2012. L. Raffurty second, Motion passed unanimously.

Radio Programmer Bid

- B&C Communications was the only vendor to submit a bid in the amount of \$66,500.00. The informal bid process is for costs under \$25,000. B&C is said to only have the key for 3.5 at this time.
- At this time there is no current contract with radio programmers. J. Drsek reported the law director for the Cuyahoga Fire Chiefs Association stated it is best for each city to program their own radios.
- It is feasible for the County and the County would move to reimburse individual cities, however, it is a time consuming process on both parties. To meet grant guidelines, each city would need to demonstrate their procurement process and how they chose their provider and
- Currently Pete Greene, Mike Santilli and Pat Johnson have a system key and are able to program radios. The programmers are working with the State to coordinate the template.
- There is currently \$25,000 in FY 10 UASI funds that are allocated for the radio programmers. A determination of what to do with the funds is necessary. P. Greene will continue to contact Motorola to determine if there is a recommendation on antennas.

Committee Members

- There have been a few resignations of voting members on the Communications Committee. In the past governing bodies appointed someone as representatives from the 4 major systems. There is a need to go back to respective disciplines and look at how to go about this – determine how many representatives from each discipline.
- B. Carney stated that when the UAWG was first formed it had district representation. The bylaws state no more than 21 voting members. The committee should have primary and alternatives noted.
- There has been a ruling from Cuyahoga County that the UAWG and sub-committee meetings are public meetings and must adhere to that. These committees should be viewed as planning committees. Information on how the UAWG will be addressing the public meeting is forthcoming.

Radio Requests

- In December 2011, a group reviewed each grant application and ranked them based on criteria. It was voted on at in the April 2012 meeting to re-review the grant applications to determine if there are any changes such as quantities requested that would necessitate a changing of who else may be able to receive radios. These requests were again reviewed by two fire and two law enforcement representatives who do not have any radio requests in. There was no change noted from the first review.
- With the funds allocated, we are able to purchase 799 radios and 799 vehicular chargers.
- Some cities that have requested will no longer be needing radios. If list is agreed upon there should be some overflow.

ENCLOSURE 1

- Discussion of daily use language being included in the asset transfer as the radios that are to be distributed were intended for daily use only.
- MARCS will no longer have the LEUO with the 7.X system.
- Questions as to how many radios are to be utilized by the Sheriff's Office as well as questions as what some are doing with currently distributed radios such as Board of Health.
- N. DiCicco motioned to approve list as it is with current ranking. D. Mohr seconded. Motion passed with 6 yes and 1 no.
- S. Gilman provided a handout with language that may be included in the asset transfer for those receiving radios. A couple of changes noted such as daily to primary and assigned frequencies to primary operational channels and mutual aid channels. This form will need to be forwarded to legal for approval.
- N. DiCicco motioned to forward the language regarding the radio use to legal for review. D. Mohr seconded. Motion passed.

IECGP

- Radio training on the 7.X system has been identified as a need. B. Carney motioned to support radio training and OT/BF up to \$25,000. L. Raffurty second. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chief Foster, Brook Park Police Department, discussed another school shooter scenario for Berea City Schools as each city has different radio systems. D. Ferguson stated the need to make sure it is communications focused. P. Greene, D. Ferguson and S. Green will all help with communications exercise. Ideally a table top and then functional exercise.
- B. Carney motioned to support communication exercise up to \$20,000. D. Mohr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

- On May 10, 2012 the UAWG will be reviewing FY 2011 funds. Committees have been asked to review their requests to determine if any changes.
- D. Mohr motioned if extra funds are available from the UAWG that the Communications Committee requests they are applied toward radio requests. S. Gilman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- MARCS received 98 million to upgrade the rest of Ohio to the 7.X system. This is an intended 12 – 18 month build out.
- The Lake County, Cuyahoga County and MARCS Partnership zone controller will soon tie into additional counties such as Lucas and Butler. As additional counties come on the systems will be combined.
- It is anticipated that there will be a price increase for MARCS subscribers to \$5 in the next 12 – 18 months. They are working with Representatives to help with the cost
- Templates are completed for Westshore, SPAN, Lake County and Geauga County. Hillcrest region is moving ahead.
- J. Jarvis reports there will be ISSI connectivity with Ohio and Michigan as a result of the Lake County Border Interoperability Demonstration Project.
- SIEC is now formally established as a governing body for communications.

Next Meeting

- Meeting adjourned.
- Next meeting June 13, 2012 at 9:30 Independence Fire Station 6305 Selig Rd. Independence, OH 44131.