



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

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 10, 2016

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

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

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

Others in Attendance: E. Schepp, D. Ferguson, K. Leford, L. Raffurty, S. Garwood, T. Welch, D. Miller, M. Carroll, C. Newman, R. Flaherty, M. Wodarczyk.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION**
 - Called to order by Shaw at 9:35 AM.
 - Roll Call conducted, 14 voting members, quorum met.

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - None

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3. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

- Martin motioned to approve the May 11th minutes, second by Bollinger.
- Approved by 12 ayes, 2 abstains.

4. RNC RE-CAP

- Shaw congratulated all and noted that none of the systems crashed.
- Brad reports that the system handled all things well. Had 935 thousand push to talks, 59 thousand minutes. Outside planning worked very well and the system didn't crash.
- Miller reported that thanks needs to go out to the City. Plans worked well. Top officials were very pleased with the radios and how well things worked. ODNR gave MARCS the E.49th office to work out of. ODOT helped provide power to the Tower site on the intercept bridge which worked great. All TOWS will be a 12 channel system. Over 8500 radios into the system. 116 busies over the 6 days is all that happened. The city had none.
- Balasko reported that using Knowledge Center was very helpful and he thanked whomever posted stuff. Brad noted that the postings were from a user's prospective and not edited, raw data which was very helpful.
- Brad reports that direct frequencies worked very well but the public was able to monitor the traffic.
- Greene and Flaherty both thanked Brad and his radio unit for all of the hard work and dedication to helping everyone get on the air.

5. COUNTYWIDE FIRE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

- Carroll reported that the units have been ordered and the antennas are being looked at. Carroll emailed the regional centers about what might be needed. Carroll will reach out to Nancy Kolcan for a list of all psaps.
- Once units are in, Greene will program and hopefully units will be out by mid-October.

6. EXERCISES/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION

- Flaherty reports that September 10th a pro-choice group will be in. He is opening an opportunity for a COM-L to assist.
- ICS classes in October reported by Greene.

7. CACHE RADIO REPLACEMENT PLAN

- Shaw reports the cache radios are older xts5000's and need to be replaced. He reports that there are a very few people now on a 700/800 system so are the cache radios needed any longer?
- Ferguson questioned if they are still working and function fine, why worry about replacing them.
- Garwood reports that Motorola will end support in 2018.
- Shaw believes that the only usage of the cache radios has been with the Solon CART.
- Gillman reports that the usage has been testing only.
- Shaw suggests that a recommendation to the County about the radios should be made. Do we really need them with many agencies already on a 700/800 system?

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Miller reports that the sales of the Motorola and Kenwood radios used during the RNC has been released state wide.

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- Furgeson asked about adjusting the templates and Garwood reports that the State is reviewing the template as well. Garwood reports that with the shutdown of 3.5, there is now room for other things on the 7.x system.
- Miller reports that a date should be set so that every issue related to programming can be discussed and current flashes downloaded.
- Shaw is asking that everyone go back to their agency and discuss what is in their radios, what they need and what they want to have.
- Greene reported that the available radios will go out to the following agencies:
 - EASTCOM: 42 Motorola APX6000Li's
 - Broadview Heights: 5 EF Johnson VP 400
 - North Olmsted FD: 4 Motorola, 1 EF Johnson
 - Parma FD: 15 EF Johnson
 - Pepper Pike PD: 20 EF Johnson
 - Westlake FD: 8 EF Johnson
 - RTA PD: 15 EF Johnson
- Still waiting to hear if the FY16UASI will be used for the 290 radios for the Cuyahoga Valley PD & FD plus Richmond Heights PD.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- No executive session conducted.

10. NEXT MEETING

- October 12, 2016 at the Independence Fire Station.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Martin, second by McCarthy.
- Adjourned at 10:53 AM