



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



Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Location: Independence Fire Station
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 Oritz	
Supervisor 1 Shawn Smith		CECOMS	Supervisor 2 Jackie Costa	X
Brandy Carney		Cuyahoga County	Tammy Blau	X
Pete Greene	X	Cuyahoga County	Vallerie Propper	
Chief Scott Gilman	X	Fire		
Chief William Turner	X	Fire	Chief Chris Lyons	
Tom Cannell	X	Hospitals	Beth Gatlin	
Nick DiCicco		Law Enforcement	Carol Hadden	X
Chief Bruce Elliott	X	MARCS	Chief Tom Robinson	
Chief Dave Freeman	X	MARCS	Jim Heath	
Mayor Cicero		Mayors & Managers Rep.		
George Balasko		PARMA	Capt. Ronald Heffern	X
Mike Lasky		PARMA	Lt. Tesmer	
Rob Jamieson		Public Works	Bob Girardi	
Lisa Raffurty	X	Regional Dispatch	Chief Dave Freeman	
Nick Pishnery		Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	

Others in Attendance: J. Heath, M. Terwilliger, S. Garwood, J. Gallaghen, D. Leff, B. Crates, M. Vedder.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

- By Chief Flynn at 9:35 AM
- Roll Call, 15 voting members, Quorum established

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lt. Crates made public comment that all Westshore agencies should be considered a regional request for MARCS radios. A high speed pursuit occurred last night and departments were not able

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to communicate. The requests of individual departments should be rolled into one request. Chief Gallagher from North Olmsted made his plea for radios. 102 total radios requested with 54 available.

- Chief Flynn noted 261 total radios requested with 54 currently available. Money in the future maybe variable but it is based on what hasn't been spent (around \$2,000) and what might come out of the 6 million available State wide, local allotments is unsure. The Westshore region needs radios and are able to go live within the 4 month MOU window. Westlake and Fairview have already received 10 radios each.
- Steven Greene made a motion that the Westshore agencies be allowed to combine their requests into one request. Second by Chief Gilman. Further Discussion - Brad Handke noted that all Cleveland Police Officers have been issued radios and an off duty was able to summon assistance. Vote taken, 13 yes, 2 abstained

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 9th and November 13th meeting minutes. Motioned by Chief Turner. To accept, second by Chief Freeman. Minutes for October meeting voted on, 9 Yes, 6 Abstained. Minutes for November 13th meeting voted on, 7 Yes, 8 Abstained. Both passed.

4. CONTINGENCY PLAN

- It is the intention of this committee to report to the CCESAB that if monies become available, our intention is to use the money to purchase additional radios to complete the requests made beyond the 54 radios currently available. Motion made that our contingency plan is to purchase additional P25 radios with monies as they become available. Randy Kimbro made the motion, Steve Greene seconded the motion. Further discussion involved Steve Garwood noting that many other model radios are available on State term. Motion voted on 12 yes, 2 abstained, 1 no vote.

5. SHARED TEMPLATE WITH LAKE COUNTY

- Paul Stafanko requested a talk group from Cuyahoga County for interoperability. Cleveland has 16 available for free for anyone who asks for them. MTACs are limited to Cuyahoga County only. CUYCO are available to be shared. NPSPAC channels should be in all radios in order to have medical flight Communications. Steve Garwood requests a code plug in order to add the talk groups to the Lake County radios.

6. HOMELAND SECURITY REGION 2 MEETING

- Tammy Blau gave an update. Lorain County was the only county not represented. CKR Numbers are a concern and coordination would be needed so that interoperability is not hindered. Data still being collected of digital devices and radios.

7. REALLOCATION UPDATE

- Westshore agencies now score a 30 putting them at the top of the list. Hazmat and Water Rescue are specialty teams and have requested radios which would be used for their response. The question is, are they within the requirement of daily use when in reality the radios would only be used for a call out in a mutual aid usage. Motion made Steve Greene Recognizing the importance of specialty teams in response to emergencies throughout the region and then priority response to terrorism incidents, the Communications Committee recommends that said teams be permitted to re-prioritize their equipment requests for money already allocated to purchase radio equipment. Chief Gilman seconded the motion. 15 yes, no abstained.
- Motion made by Steve Greene that specialty teams should be defined as daily use. Seconded by Lisa Raffurty. Vote 1 yes, 1 Abstained, 13 no. Motion did not pass therefore specialty teams are not recognized by this committee as daily use.
- Private entity discussion brought up that County legal needs to provide an opinion if this committee is allowed to share public monies with private entities. Eastcom's request is being asked by Lisa Raffurty to be placed at the bottom of the list for consideration. Their request was based on a big IF they assume police dispatching and the radios were not for immediate use. Steve Greene made a motion to accept Cleveland Heights as amended to be for 30 radios for the police department only. Second by Chief Elliot. 12 yes, 3 abstained.
- The order of ranking of applications:
Westshore -102 radios, ranked 30 points
Bratenahl police - 15 radios, ranked 22 points
Brooklyn police - 54 radios, ranked 21 points

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Gates Mills - 3 radios, ranked 20 points
Eastcom -30 radios, ranked 20 points
Pepper Pike - 9 radios, ranked 18 points

- A motion was made by Carol Haddon to approve the list as read, seconded by Chief Gilman. 13 yes, 2 abstained
- To allow for rapid and efficient deployment and training so as to facilitate interoperability the Communications Committee recommends to the County that the same radios be distributed as before to the agencies whose requests have been accepted by the Communications Committee. Vote - 13 yes, 2 abstained.
- Chief Turner made a motion that all 54 radios be allocated to the Westshore group as they ranked the highest. Second by Steve Greene. Vote 13 yes, 2 abstained.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Per Jim Jarvis: Tech service branch of DHS/OEC working on a state version of the NIFOG. State SCIP to be voted on January 29th. CASAM updated to provide bordering state assets. Cleveland Communications Interoperability Capabilities Updated Assessment Grid looking to be updated. To be emailed out by Pete Greene to all members for updated information.
- MARCS monthly testing has issues that need to be addressed. To be placed on the agenda for next month.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- No executive session conducted.

10. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting: January 8, 2014. Location: Independence Fire Station.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- C. Flynn motioned to adjourn, all in favor at 12:11 PM.