



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

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 9, 2019

**Location: Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
4747 East 49th Street
Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio**

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Steven Greene	X	Chairman	N/A	
Steve Rega	X	Vice Chair	VACANT	
Randy Kimbro	X	Southwest Radio COG	Lt. Tom Cramer	
Brad Handke	X	City of Cleveland	Courtney Newman	
Laura Palinkas		City of Cleveland	John O'Flaherty	X
Debra Cavett	X	City of Cleveland	Lt. Reynaldo Oritz	
Lisa Raffurty	X	CECOMS	Jacquelynn Costa	
Melinda Burt	X	Cuyahoga County EMA	Nancy Kolcan	
Pete Greene	X	Cuyahoga County EMA	Adam Griffith	
Chief Scott Gilman		Fire	Chief Papesh	X
Chief Schepp	X	Fire	Chief Carcippolo	
William Telfer		Center for Health Affairs	Beth Gatlin	
James Foster		Law Enforcement – Muni	VACANT	
Chief Bruce Elliott		MARCS User Group	Chief Tom Robinson	
Jim Heath	X	MARCS User Group	Chief Freeman	
Jeff Scott		Law Enforcement – Non-Muni	David Leff	X
George Balasko	X	PARMA	Walter Samijlenko	
T. J. Martin	X	PARMA	Mike Lasky	
Nick DiCicco		Regional Dispatch – East	Shawn Smith	
Ron Barlow	X	Regional Dispatch - West	Kristina Eich	
Mike Devert		Public Works	VACANT	

Others in Attendance: C. Holiday, S. Carter, D. Merchant, C. Jones, C. Bollinger, S. Garwood, D. Ferguson, J. Young, J. Harraman, L. Tafe, E. Upperman.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

- Called to order by Steven Greene at 9:32 AM.
- Roll Call conducted, 16 voting members, quorum met.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018 MINUTES

- Kimbro motioned for the minutes to be accepted and Balasko seconded. Voice vote: all others were yeas, no nays. Motion passed.

4. RADIO ALLOCATIONS

- Tafe updated 2018 approval of the award is with the State. Approval should be any time. Brad asked if this was a new bid. Tafe said yes but without an evaluation.
- Rega asked about the other grants. Tafe said that the Grants department expects that approval to come through. Harraman said that the purchase is for 2016 UASI, 2017 UASI and 2018 Homeland grants should go through with the State shortly.
- South Euclid purchase could include the radios interested by Walton Hills.
- If there are any issues, Cleveland Heights could be removed until next grants.

5. FIRSTNET

- Raffurty wanted an update from AT&T but the rep could not be here. Should be available next month.

6. REGIONAL DISPATCH MEETING

- Raffurty said that a regional dispatch group was formed. Ron Barlow chairs it.
- They will meet quarterly and report if anything is reported.

7. MABAS

- TJ Martin said that a box was brought into the Parma center and it does not function well.
- Martin said that CECOMS operators did not know how to send out the tones.
- Walter Samijlenko reports that CAD functions of transferring calls works better than the boxes.
- Martin said that many antennas and 3 boxes have been tried.

8. COML/T TRAINING & EXERCISE

- None to report
- Handke pointed out that those who took the COML class in Feb 2016 need to get their books I now.
- Kimbro asked about a list of recognized COML's. Greene has a local list.
- Balasko will ask for a list at the state meeting coming up on January 23rd.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Chief from Fairview Park said that they are having radio reception problems and the Lieutenant from Bay Village said that the North-West area is a major problem. He had radios from Cleveland and tested it in the known areas without problems.
- Garwood asked for the information to be sent to him so he can go back and see that it is fixed.
- Brad mentioned that work with the MetroParks showed radio issues were addressed with equipment changes but there are still reception issues. Trying to nail down the problem is not easy because many different problems are happening with different agencies. Brad suggested that there may be a cellular interference issue that is hard to discover.

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- Steven Greene asked that the rest of this discussion be continued after the general meeting so as not to hold anyone up.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- No executive session conducted.

11. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 @09:30a. Location is the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District on East 49th Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Schepp, seconded by all.
- Adjourned at 10:11 AM.

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