



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



Date/Time: Thursday, August 9, 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)**

L=Late

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman: Chief Ledford called the meeting of the Public Safety Urban Area Working Group, August 9, 2012 to order.

**2. QUORUM DETERMINATION**

The roll was called by Michelle Norton and it was determined a quorum was not in attendance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

As there was no quorum at roll call, minutes could not be approved at this time. Chief Flynn noted correction to the Law Enforcement Committee report: Steve Greene is the representative.

Late arrival of Harold Pretel, quorum in place, Chief Ledford asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting: Chief Joyce moved; Beth Gatlin seconded; all in favor; none opposed; minutes approved with correction noted.

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**5. OEM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

Brandy Carney reported on OEM initiatives. Harold Pretel commented on Labor Day weekend events and public safety coordination.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AMS – No Report**

**Citizen Corps – Sharon Nicastro**

Update on Citizen Corps grants and upcoming functional exercise.

**Communications – Chief Christopher Flynn**

Reported on MARC's radio, TICP and COM-L training. New vice-chair to be named as Pete Greene resigned; requesting hospital and health dept. representatives for Communications Committee.

**EMS – Chief Joseph Zemek**

Noted fund reallocation - \$107,433.64. Larry Tafe explained increase in funds due to projects reduced and/or eliminated.

**Fire – No Report**

**Health/Medical – Beth Gatlin**

Revising committee membership guidelines, bylaws and operating procedures.

**Law Enforcement – Chief Scott Lee**

No Report

**Public Works – No Report**

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**8. PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS**

Brandy Carney gave an update on the regional application for FY2012 funding. Jerry Mullins led the discussion on reallocation of funds from the EMS Committee \$107,433.64. Requests received from Law Enforcement, Communications, USAR, Health & Medical, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and City of Cleveland. After extended discussion and concession; group amended the reallocation as follows:

- USAR equipment - \$26K
- LEPC Population Protection Phase II training materials - \$21K
- Cleveland EOC upgrades - \$60,443.64

Chief Zemek moved to approve the reallocation; Sharon Nicastro seconded; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained; reallocation approved as amended.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS / MISC. BUSINESS**

Laura Palinkas moved to table the Cuyahoga County Emergency Services Advisory Board (CCESAB) Bylaws discussion until further notice; seconded by Chief Zemek; all in favor.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSB).

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chief Ledford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chief Zemek moved; Chief Lee seconded; all in favor; meeting adjourned.