



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

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 13, 2017

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	X	Vice Chair – (Law Enforcement)	Craig Bollinger	
Randy Kimbro		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	X
Lisa Raffurty		CECOMS	Supervisor Shawn Smith	
Melinda Burt		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		Law Enforcement	Carol Haddon	X
Chief Bruce Elliott	X	MARCS	Chief Tom Robinson	
Jim Heath	X	MARCS	Chief Freeman	
Jeff Scott	X	Law Enforcement	Deano McNeil	
George Balasko	X	PARMA	Capt. Ronald Heffern	
Mike Lasky		PARMA	T.J. Martin	
Rob Jamieson		Public Works	Bob Girardi	
Tim Clapp		Regional Dispatch	Jack McCarthy	
Ron Barlow	X	Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	

Others in Attendance: K. Schabitzer, D. Lally, D. Nagy, S. Rega, C. Bollinger, S. Cartier, A. Griffith, W. Samijlenko, D. Fergusin, S. Garwood, J. O’Flaherty, C. Newman, D. Leff, P. Kelly, J. Majoy, K. Friis, M. Flynn, R. Katona

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

- Called to order by Shaw at 9:31 AM.
- Roll Call conducted, 13 voting members, quorum met.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

3. APPROVAL OF MAY 31 AND JUNE 12 MINUTES

- Balasko motioned, Haddon seconded. Passed with all AYES.

4. FY 2017 GRANT

- For 2016 UASI grant, the contract has been awarded to VASU Communications for the purchase of 220 Kenwood portable radios.
- FY 2017 will have to go through the same evaluation process that the 2016 grant went through. We cannot use the same data from the 2016 evaluation.
- 17 radios from the 2014 UASI left over funds went to Newburg Heights.
- Brad said that mobile radios for Newburg were delivered to his shop for programming.

5. CACHE RADIOS

- Shaw reported that the cache radios are being billed and he felt that in the past that the radios were to be on the Cleveland system as the Fire chief's do not want to pay the monthly fees.
- The radios would maintain the XMTAC's, XCUYCO's, and XLECOM's.
- Rega mentioned that the intent of the radios was for interoperability and that to trim them down would reduce our capabilities.
- Brad mentioned that many incidents are covered by local usage and not really state wide.
- Shaw asks that each person to consider the need of the cache radios and if they are really needed.
- Shaw wants it to be finalized by the November meeting.
- Shaw mentioned that there are agencies on the list that would want radios.
- Greene mentioned that he could contact other agencies that are already on a system that would accept the radios today.
- Final decision will be made in November.

6. COML/T TRAINING & EXERCISES

- First meeting held on August 17, 2017
- Covered Task Books and future needs
- Goal is to produce a reference manual for all COM-L's
- Next training meeting will be in the County's EOC on September 28, 2017 at 9AM.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Shaw brought up the THIRA and Mack Flynn presented that a full update was conducted. Flynn mentioned that the communications section was to represent if some event were to affect communications, how would we recover and deal with the impact. Future meetings will be conducted to further review the impact and how recovery would be made. The outcomes would be to establish voice and data communications so that the capabilities targets are obtainable.
- Flynn wanted to know if the Capability Target(s) are the same or have changed? Brad mentioned that the City's contract with Motorola has the ability for the delivery of additional radios. Other vendors with the city are also under contract for providing additional emergency services but are based on their ability to respond and the level of needs vs. their

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own needs (Verizon has lost their own towers and have to address those first before any city work can be addressed). There is always an assumption that an MOU will be satisfied, however; a larger incident could spread the resources thinner and unavailable.

- Brad suggested that mobile generators be added to the list as a resources so that sites can be backed up.
- Jack McCarthy suggested that impact should be "Dispatch response times extended."
- ARES current resources should say "As Available" and not TBD.
- Shaw mentioned that chairmen and other nominations will be open soon.
- Balasko mentioned the Public Safety Broadband Conference November 1 & 2 in Columbus.
- Brad brought up that APX radios that will be out of service. Cleveland has 5,000 radios that will be affected under this. The contract says service till 2026 but the release from Motorola says it will stop service in 2023. Even Harris will stop service in the Unity radio in 5 years. Motorola might be doing a product change as well.
- Greene mentioned the Amber Alert Training for November 9th.
- Heath mentioned the MABAS equipment is in so antennas and cables can be installed soon. A formal testing schedule will be addressed.
- Chief Elliot asked about the template. Brad, Pete, and Garwood are working with vendors to finalize the programming and will have a workable template by the end of this month.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- No executive session conducted.

9. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 @09:30a. Location is Independence Fire Department.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Shaw, all seconded.
- Adjourned at 10:31 AM.