



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



**Communications Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 11, 2014

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

**Attendees (Voting Committee Members)**

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Chief Christopher Flynn - Chair	<b>X</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	Chief Chris Lyons	
Steven Greene		<b>Vice Chair – (Law Enforcement)</b>		
Randy Kimbro		<b>Brook Park</b>	Lt. Tom Cramer	
Brad Handke	<b>X</b>	<b>City of Cleveland Rep.</b>	Vince Mercurio	
Laura Palinkas		<b>City of Cleveland Rep.</b>	Larry Jones II	
Debra Cavett	<b>X</b>	<b>City of Cleveland Rep.</b>	Lt. Reynaldo Oritz	
Supervisor 1 Shawn Smith		<b>CECOMS</b>	Supervisor 2 Jackie Costa	<b>X</b>
Brandy Carney		<b>Cuyahoga County</b>		
Pete Greene	<b>X</b>	<b>Cuyahoga County</b>	Vallerie Proper	
Chief Scott Gilman	<b>X</b>	<b>Fire</b>		
Chief William Turner		<b>Fire</b>	Chief Chris Lyons	
Tom Cannell	<b>X</b>	<b>Hospitals</b>	Beth Gatlin	
Nick DiCicco		<b>Law Enforcement</b>	Carol Hadden	<b>X</b>
Chief Bruce Elliott	<b>X</b>	<b>MARCS</b>	Chief Tom Robinson	
Chief Dave Freeman		<b>MARCS</b>	Jim Heath	
Mayor Cicero		<b>Mayors &amp; Managers Rep.</b>		
George Balasko	<b>X</b>	<b>PARMA</b>	Capt. Ronald Heffern	
Mike Lasky		<b>PARMA</b>	Lt. Tesmer	
Rob Jamieson		<b>Public Works</b>	Bob Girardi	
Lisa Raffurty	<b>X</b>	<b>Regional Dispatch</b>	Chief Dave Freeman	
Nick Pishnery		<b>Regional Dispatch</b>	Kristina Eich	

**Others in Attendance:** J. McCarthy, V. Mercurio, T. Robinson, G. Rowe, T. Welch, K. Ledford, T. Wolf, D. Leff, D. Ferguson,

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION**

- By Chief Flynn at 9:33 AM
- Roll Call, 11 voting members, Quorum established

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- George B Balasko made motion to accept, seconded by Carol Haden. 8 yes votes and 3 abstain, motion passed.

**4. TIC-P**

- Pete Greene emailed out draft and had a few emails reporting edits that were incorporated. Those in attendance noted additional items that need to be edited. Peter Greene asked everyone to read the TIC-P and email additional items as found that need to be edited. Final draft will be presented in the next meeting for a vote to recommend to the CCESAB to accept the changes.

**5. CCESAB FY 2014 UASI GRANT MONEY**

- **The CCESAB approved \$37,146 for COML and COMT class and \$62,500 for radios.**
- **Chief Gillman said that the county owes the committee \$500,000.00 because 200 radios that went to Protective Services that is not a law enforcement entity.**
- **Chief Elliot and Brad both stated that going through another process to rank applicants is a waste of time. Peter Greene expressed the desires of the county and that a new ranking process is requested. He also noted that this committee makes recommendations to the CCESAB and not definitive decisions.**
- **No further discussion was made as those in attendance felt that the last list should be followed.**
- **Chief Flynn said that anyone can apply but the agency would be placed at the bottom of the list.**

**6. RADIO PROGRAMMING SPREADSHEETS**

- **Email them to Steven Greene**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

- Discussion of the CUYCO talkgroups will be limited to the Cuyahoga County region, MTACs are state wide due to site programming. Steering committee still holds the final say in if the CUYCO's will be free, Darryl Anderson agrees that the CUYCO's should be free. There is no guarantee that the free use of the CUYCO's will remain.
- Cleveland has an option of a radio being usable under a limited use for interoperability with an entity that is on the system as a full time user. This does not create a new talkgroups but uses talkgroups already in use. \$75 if you want Cleveland to program it or \$25 if you use another programmer.
- Chief Flynn mentioned that his mayor has sought help from state representatives about reducing user fees on MARCS. Discussion was made about others making the same approach.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- No executive session conducted.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- Next meeting: August 6, 2014 at 9:30 AM, Location to be announced.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

- C. Flynn motioned to adjourn, all in favor at 11:35 AM.