



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



Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 17, 2014

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

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

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

Others in Attendance: J. Tidey, E. Bustos, C. Newman, M. Salloum, M. Terwilliger, C. Bollinger, S. Garwood, S. Rega, T. Raffin, D. Reese.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION**
 - By Chief Flynn at 9:35 AM
 - Roll Call, 12 voting members, Quorum established

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - None

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- G. Balasko motioned to pass the minutes, seconded by R. Kimbro. Vote: 11 yes, 1 abstained. Motion passed.

4. HELICOPTER COMMUNICATIONS

- Motion made to accept recommendation and forward it to the Cuyahoga County and Northeast Ohio Fire Chief's Association of adoption. Motion made by Chief Flynn and seconded by R. Kimbro. Vote: 12 yes votes, motion passed. Chief Gilman to present to both associations. G. Blasko will present to the State Interoperability Emergency Communications.

5. MTAC CHANNELS FOR ODOT

- Chief Gillman raised concern that ODOT does not have shared MARCS talkgroups and local agencies are unable to communicate with them when there are needs for road closures and other freeway activities. Gilman would like the ODOT supervisors to have a way to communicate with those trying to mitigate a freeway incident. S. Garwood needs an email to request that so he can forward that info to ODOT. B. Handke made the motion to have XMTAC talkgroups added to the ODOT supervisor radios. Seconded by Chief Elliot. Vote 12 yes, motion passed

6. CACHE/COMMAND AND CONTROL RADIO UPDATE

- S. Garwood built template that he is ready to program into a few cache radios here in Independence. Localized talkgroups will not be in the cache radios but in command and control only. S. Garwood to email out the template once the final adjustments are made.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Alternate Voting members discussed and changes made. January meeting will include voting in a new Chairman as Chief Flynn will be retiring.
- Grant money not yet released and guidance not yet released so we are unsure how the money can be spent.
- TICP was approved by the CCESAB except for an error on page 5 that needs to be fixed. It can then be sent on to the County Executive for signature.
- C. Bollinger mentioned that during protests radio jamming is a real threat.
- B. Handke stated that anyone wanting the Regionals can get them without a fee.
- MARCS testing needs to be reviewed as the response is less than a 40% response. L. Raffurty made a motion to eliminate the monthly testing as more agencies are on the 7.x and/or Cleveland thus the need to test is not necessary. Seconded by C. Haddon. 12 yes, motion passed

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- No executive session conducted.

9. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting: January 14, 2015 at 9:30 AM, Independence Fire station.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- C. Flynn motioned to adjourn, all in favor at 10:37 AM.