



CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes (Regular)

DATE/TIME: March 12, 2025 – 10:00AM

LOCATION: Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
4747 East 49th St., Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio

ATTENDING VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
A/C Jim Health	X	Chairman		
Lisa Raffurty	X	Vice Chair		
Randy Kimbro		Southwest Radio COG	Tom Sullivan	
Brad Handke	X	City of Cleveland	Courtney Newman	
Anthony Luke	X	City of Cleveland	Brad Englehart	
Cmdr. Brian McEntee	X	City of Cleveland	Phil DaVila	
Jacquelynn Costa	X	CECOMS	Stephen Kasik	
Mark Christie	X	Cuyahoga County EMA	Kevin Friis	
Jill Smialek		Cuyahoga County PSJS	Nancy Kolcan	X
Chief Papesh		Fire	Chief Rega	X
Chief Schepp		Fire	Chief Carcioppolo	
Chief Dietz	X	LE – Municipal	VACANT	
Sgt. Keeper	X	LE – Non-Municipal	Lt. Brady	
Lt. Pat Devlin	X	LE – Sheriff	Sgt. Perez	
Chief Elliott		MARCS User Group	Chief Carroll	
Dillon Crouse	X	MARCS User Group	VACANT	
George Balasko	X	City of Parma	Lt. Nathan Savetski	
Chief Lasky		City of Parma	T.J. Martin	X
Nick DiCicco		Regional Dispatch	VACANT	
Ron Barlow		Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	
Mike Dever		Public Works	VACANT	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kyle Jamison, Chuck Niedbalson, Ella Amadeus, Kevin Friis, Dan Urso, Larry Tafe, Lezlie White, Chris Harper, Craig Bollinger, Brad Englehart, Matt Berdysz, Dale Merchant, D. Perez, Bryan Kloss, Christene Jones

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

- Chairman Jim Heath called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.
- Vice Chairperson Lisa Raffurty conducted roll call. A quorum was met.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Jacque Costa motioned to approve the January 8th meeting minutes. T.J. Martin seconded. The January 8th meeting minutes were approved.

4. MAIN CCESAB MEETING REVIEW/GRANTS UPDATE

- Chairman Heath stated that there was not a lot discussed at the Main CCESAB meeting. The Bylaws were updated and the conflict of interest forms were resigned. Mark Christie was re-elected Chairman.
- Lezlie White stated that Larry Tafe reached out to the State to find out if there were any grants updates. Lezlie White encouraged everyone to start thinking about future projects and to have their information ready for the next CCESAB meeting if necessary.
- Larry Tafe stated that the rule for grants is that the start of the grant year begins on September 1st. He stated that currently there is no new information coming through about notices of grant awards. He also stated that every line item in currently awarded grants is being reviewed by the State to make sure they meet requirements.
- Kevin Friis stated that per the Ohio EMA, class instructors are being asked to teach courses unpaid due to the current federal funding freeze.

5. RADIO REQUEST APPLICATION REVIEW

- None.

6. COUNTY INTEROP TEMPLATE

- Major Emergency Interop Talkgroups – Chairman Heath stated that the ad-hoc subcommittee group met on the large-scale incident talk group. He presented a draft regarding Emergency Talk groups. He stated that Brad Handke has agreed to reserve Cleveland Regional Channels 10 and 11. Chairman Heath also stated another issue is prospective users outside of the county using the Ohio Marcs systems and whether or not they are allowed to have XMTAC or CUYCO channels.
- Kyle Jamison advised MARCS will only need an MOU stating what Counties have been granted access to what talkgroups to communicate during a major emergency.
- Mark Christie stated County EM will assist as they work with Region 2 counties on a regular basis.
- Brad Handke suggested any other changes be added to the Interop template now.
- A motion was made by T.J. Martin to obtain approval from CCESAB then work on MOU's. The committee will then look at adding a new zone to the template as step 2. Motion seconded by George Balasko.

7. EXERCISES/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION

- Bryan Kloss stated that there will be a full-scale exercise on June 18th at Progressive Field. He also stated that there will also be an exercise in the Span region. The date for this exercise will possibly be in August. It will most likely be at Progressive HQ in Mayfield. There will also be a full-scale exercise on both the Goodtime III and The Lady Caroline in September.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

- Craig Bollinger – Steve Greene was recently sworn in as Parma Hts. Police Chief

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- Kevin Friis - Chris Minek is leaving EMA, the old Ready Notify/Code Red system will be turned off April 1st.
- Jacque Costa – Ohio Alerts training will be held at Cuyahoga County Library, Independence on May 29th.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None.

11. NEXT MEETING

- MAY 14TH – 10:00 A.M.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- T.J. Martin motioned to adjourn. George Balasko seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.