



CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes (Regular)

DATE/TIME: July 10, 2024 – 10:00AM

LOCATION: Harvard Training Room A (Harvard Garage)
2501 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105

ATTENDING VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: T.J. Martin, Jim Colbos, Ella Amadeus, Matt Reinke, Dick Miller, Kyle Jamison, Chris Harplen, Chris Well, Joe Patalon, Bryan Kloss

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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.
- Chairperson Lisa Raffurty conducted roll call. A quorum was met.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- George Balasko motioned to approve the May 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Chief Elliot seconded. The meeting minutes were approved.

4. MAIN CCESAB MEETING REVIEW

- Chairman Heath reported that there is no CCESAB meeting this summer. He also reported that there was one special CCESAB meeting for prioritizing and approving grants.
- Chairperson Lisa Raffurty reported that there was one project for Bedford P.D. that was fully funded and not to exceed \$205,000. This is a number one priority.

5. GRANTS UPDATE

Ella Amadeus reported that the Dot.gov migration project closed and a vendor was selected. The project is now in the contract processing phase. The vendor will be doing an assessment to determine which municipalities would be a good fit for the project. She stated that if any municipalities are interested in switching over to dot.gov, they should reach out to her or Lezlie White. She also reported that the grants department is also doing a regional intrusion detection project. This project will entail a third-party company going to locations and possibly installing equipment on servers to monitor any external threats. Kevin Friss further explained that essentially the device would be installed to detect if anyone is attempting to access and or attack a network.

Ella Amadeus also reported that the Bedford P.D. project application for radios and chargers has been submitted to the Ohio EMA. They are waiting to receive that award which would be due in January 2025.

6. RADIO REQUEST APPLICATION REVIEW

- None

7. COUNTY INTEROP TEMPLATE UPDATES

- Chairman Heath reported that the small ad-hoc committee got together to discuss the interop template project. They reviewed the Cleveland system issue that happened in June. He reported that they also discussed how important it is to have both talk groups in all radios to enable quicker switching over. Kevin Friss also reported that one of the discussion points was that they wanted to set up pre-determined talk groups on each system as back up.

8. EXERCISES/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION

- Bryan Kloss reported that there will be a full-scale exercise on August 1. It will be a mass casualty drill at Progressive Insurance in Mayfield Village. There will be a morning and afternoon session. There also will be a full-scale exercise in Valley View in the Fall. Kevin Friss reported that there will be a L967 course in Lorain County August 19 – 23.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

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- Dick Miller reported that radio authentication will be occurring July 1, 2025. There will be a three-position switch on radios. Brad Hanke reported that radio authentication is not being required at this time.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

12. NEXT MEETING

- September 11, 2024. 10:00 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- Kevin Friss motioned to adjourn the meeting. George Balasko seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.