



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### Communications Committee Meeting Minutes (Regular)

**DATE/TIME:** November 13, 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		Southwest Radio COG	Tom Sullivan	
Brad Handke	X	City of Cleveland	Courtney Newman	
Anthony Luke		City of Cleveland	Brad Englehart	X
Cmdr. Brian McEntee		City of Cleveland	Dan Moore	X
Jacquelynn Costa	X	CECOMS	Stephen Kasik	
Mark Christie		Cuyahoga County EMA	Kevin Friis	X
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	Ofc. Leff	
Lt. Pat Devlin		LE – Sheriff	VACANT	
Chief Elliott		MARCS User Group	Chief Carroll	
Dillon Crouse	X	MARCS User Group	VACANT	
George Balasko	X	City of Parma	VACANT	
Chief Lasky		City of Parma	T.J. Martin	X
Nick DiCicco	X	Regional Dispatch	VACANT	
Ron Barlow	X	Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	
Mike Dever		Public Works	VACANT	

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lezlie White, Dan Urse, Matt Reinke, Omari Mays, Ella Amadeus Henry Tafe, Dan Moore, Bryan Kloss, Christene Jones, Dale Merchant, Kyle Jamison.

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Chairman Jim Heath called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m.
- Vice Chairperson Lisa Raffurty conducted roll call. A quorum was met.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- T.J. Martin motioned to approve the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. George Balasko seconded. The July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved. George Balasko motioned to approve the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. T.J. Martin seconded. The September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved.

**4. MAIN CCESAB MEETING REVIEW/GRANTS UPDATE**

- Chairman Heath reported that there were no Main CCESAB meeting updates. He asked Lezlie White to give an update on the reallocation grant projects.
- Lezlie White reported that the FY21 State Homeland grant had two reallocation processes, one in May of 2023 and the other in May 2024. She stated that they had been repeatedly following up with the State on those requests. The State informed them that they were not allowed to add any new projects to the Homeland grant. All of the Cuyahoga County projects have resubmitted for reallocation with the current UASI reallocation. She stated that the product money that was given to the region from the UASI grant has to remain. The State can not take any of that funding back.
- Chairman Heath stated that per an email, the State is asking for projects from any sub-committees that can go to the Main CCESAB for review, which will then be prioritized.

**5. NEW PROJECTS FOR FUTURE FUNDING**

- Kevin Friis explained his grant proposal for a new global command vehicle. The radios to outfit the vehicle will cost \$26,000.

**6. RADIO REQUEST APPLICATION REVIEW**

- A motion was approved to move forward with the Mobile Command radio project.

**7. COUNTY INTEROP TEMPLATE UPDATES**

- Chairman Heath stated that the Ad-hoc should get back together. Dale Merchant will coordinate a meeting to develop a presentation for the main CCESAB.

**8. EXERCISES/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION**

- Bryan Kloss stated that the EMA full-scale exercises are done for 2024. There will be at least 4 full-scale exercises scheduled for 2025. All four exercises will be active shooter/mass casualty incidents. One of the exercises will be at Progressive Ball Park in downtown Cleveland, on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

- None.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS**

- Nick DiCicco discussed the TERT Team response to North Carolina. The team used Starlink technology as backup for communications.
- County Public Works is looking to move off UHF to a new radio system.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- None

**12. NEXT MEETING**

- January 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.

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**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Heath motioned to adjourn. Jackie Costa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.