



CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes (Regular)

DATE/TIME: May 14, 2025 – 10:00AM

LOCATION: Cuyahoga County Harvard Training Room A (Harvard Garage)
2501 Harvard Ave, Newburgh Hts., Ohio 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	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	X	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		MARCS User Group	VACANT	
George Balasko		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: Tom Wieczorek, Lisa Rapis, Matt Rienke, Reginald Eakins, Paul Kellerman, Lezlie White, David Kenpsal, D. Perez, 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 10:03 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 March 12th meeting minutes. Kevin Friis seconded. The March 12th meeting minutes were approved.

4. MAIN CCESAB MEETING REVIEW/GRANTS UPDATE

- Chairman Heath stated that he brought the large incident stand-by talk group to the main board. There was a lot of interest in it, including the Mayors. It was approved. He also stated that a Mayor reached out to him on Monday requesting some sort of education and outreach on the large incident talk groups. EMA will assist with the outreach and education. The Mayor that reached out mentioned that he would like some sort of cheat sheet explaining the large incident talk group.
- Chairman Heath also stated that he is working with Mark Christie from EMA to put together a letter to give counties approval to program interop channels into their radios. These would be for use inside the county for mutual aid.
- Lezlie White stated planning for grants is being done based on last years grants release process. Projects should be in place before the next CCESAB meeting.

5. RADIO REQUEST APPLICATION REVIEW

- Tri-C Grant Radio Request – Questions were asked regarding the number of mobile radios Tri-C has.
- Tom Wieczorek, of the Tri-C police department, stated that the department has 21 mobiles and 55 portable radios. The majority of Tri-C operations is in Cuyahoga county. There is not much outside traffic. Tri-C has 4 sites with 3 to 4 radios per site. Tri-C should have 40 part-time officers but they are understaffed. There are 34 full-time officers each with a portable radio. Chairman Heath stated that the Main CCESAB board would most likely not approve a grant for all 21 mobile radios. He also stated that he would be more comfortable with bringing a funding request to the board, for three mobile radios rather than all 21 mobiles that Tri-C is requesting funding for.
- T.J. Martin motioned that a funding request be put through for all 55 portable radios and 3 mobile radios. He also motioned that the application be amended to reflect this. Kevin Friis seconded. The motion was voted on and passed to present it to the Main CCESAB board. The next main CCESAB meeting is on June 12th.

6. COUNTY INTEROP TEMPLATE

- Chairman Heath asked Brad Handke if they should discuss adding a zone to the county interop template. Brad Handke stated that adding a zone makes sense because zones are moved so often. He also stated that zone should be named the same on all radios. Chairman Heath suggested that those who are interested, meet in a ad-hoc committee, regarding adding the zones, and then present it at the July meeting.

7. EXERCISES/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION

- Kevin Friis 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 at the Tri-Athlon on July 13th. Kevin Friis stated that funding for all Com-L classes is currently pending.

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8. OLD BUSINESS

- None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

- Brad Handke stated that the generator and ups is now replaced at Shaf Road. He also stated that the City of Cleveland has now been approved for and the purchase order has been cut for a virtual primer which will allow the City to have both Shaf Road and the ? to be prime sites simultaneously. This will help when one site goes down the other site can be operational.
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10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None.

11. NEXT MEETING

- July 9th – 10:00 A.M.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- T.J. Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting. seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:01 A.M.