



CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes (Regular)

DATE/TIME: September 10, 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		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	Phil DaVila	X
Jacquelynn Costa		CECOMS	Stephen Kasik	X
Mark Christie		Cuyahoga County EMA	Kevin Friis	
Jill Smialek		Cuyahoga County PSJS	Nancy Kolcan	
Chief Papesh	X	Fire	Chief Rega	
Chief Schepp		Fire	Chief Carcioppolo	
Chief Dietz	X	LE – Municipal	VACANT	
Sgt. Keeper		LE – Non-Municipal	Lt. Brady	
Lt. Pat Devlin		LE – Sheriff	Sgt. Perez	
Chief Elliott	X	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: Craig Bollinger, Bryan Kloss, Kyle Jamison, Kevin Friis, David Perez, Matt Reinke, Lezlie White, Henry Tafe, 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. A quorum was met.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- George Balasko motioned to approve the July 9th meeting minutes, seconded by T.J. Martin. The July 9th meeting minutes were approved.

3. MAIN CCESAB MEETING REVIEW/GRANTS UPDATE

- Chairman Heath stated that the Tri-C portable radio application request was submitted to the Main CCESAB board during the July 10th meeting. The Tri-C application was approved for Full-Time portable radios only.
- Chairman Heath also stated the County Interop Template was approved by the CCESAB board. The Template will be sent to all members.
- Larry Tafe stated that the 24 radios requested by Bedford Police have not been received yet, the purchase order is currently with the vendor. The radios will be coming from Cleveland Communications. He also stated that they are in the process of trying to request that the State approve the Tri-C radios application on the same grant which is UASI 24.
- Lezlie White stated back in July the new grant funding was allocated for 1.3 million dollars. The grant is now allocated at 4.3 million dollars. Additional project requests have been sent out. Lezlie also stated that the dollar amounts are tentative; there is a chance that some of the grant funding will be reallocated to cities that were left out which may cause a reduction in the current allocation for Cuyahoga County. Lezlie also advised that grants are being more scrutinized.
- Lezlie White stated that of the 4.3 million allocated, Ohio EMA holds 5%. Larry Tafe stated that 5% is held for administrative processes. Larry advised there are two priorities that are required out of the grant. One is 3% for election security and the other is 10% for border security. He also stated that 30% has to be put aside for all of the national priorities.

5. RADIO REQUEST APPLICATION REVIEW

- No new radio request applications have been received.

6. COUNTY INTEROP TEMPLATE

- No new updates.

7. EXERCISES/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION

- Brian Kloss stated that the Progressive Field exercise went well. He also stated that there are some gaps that need to be worked on. One of those is establishing command. The Good Time III exercise also went well. The gaps that need to be worked on included communication between the 12 agencies who are on the scene and getting people in the boats.
- There will be one final full-scale exercise for the year at Richmond Hospital on October 16th. The exercises will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; one will be in the morning and the other will be in the afternoon.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Matt Reinke asked if Starlink was dropped.

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9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Papesh asked if recertification hours can be built into the training fund.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None.

11. NEXT MEETING

- November 12th – 10:00 A.M.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- T.J. Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting. George Balasko seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 A.M.