



CCESAB EMS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 10, 2025

Location: 2501 Harvard Ave. Newburgh Heights, OH 44105

REGION	PRIMARY	Present	ALTERNATE	Present
Heights Fire Region	SHFD Tom Narowitz		CLHT John Thomas	
Chagrin / Southeast Fire Region	SFD Jason Olszko		CFD Dillion Crouse	x
Hillcrest Fire Region	MHFD FC Bruce Elliott, (CHAIR)	X	HHFD AFC Bill Bernhard	
Cuyahoga Valley Fire Region	BH FC Jeff Hajek		SHFC Jamie Meklemburg	
South Central Fire Region	NRFD FC Robert Chegan	x	BFD FC Kevin Paul	
Southwest Fire Region	OTFC Tim Jewell		OFFC Matt Sheehan	
Westshore	RRFD FC Aaron Lenart (VICE CHAIR)		LFD Ryan Fairbanks	
Cleveland	EMS C Orlando Wheeler		EMS DC Chris Chapin	x
Cleveland	ARF AC Bill Davis			
Board/Dept of Health (Cleve/Cuyahoga County)	Jacqueline Jackson	x	Tracy Pate	x
Center for Health Affairs/Well Link	Derek Duty	x	Christina Fozio	
Regional Hospital System (SWG)	Lisa Kingsley, SWGHC		Dr. Katie Imhof, SWG	
Regional Hospital System (Metro)	David Yarmesch, MetroHealth	x	Dr. Craig Bates, Metro	x
Regional Hospital System (UH)	Dan Ellenberger, UH		Dr. John Hill, UH	x
Regional Hospital System (CCF)	Bill Merimee, Cleveland Clinic		Dr. Chris Myers, CCF	

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION (8 needed per Bylaws section 5.13):

Meeting called to order at 2:05PM, quorum met.

Non-Voting Attendees present: Danielle Rosler, Larry Tafe, Moni James, Natalia Maikranz, Lexi Shield, Kevin Friis

EDUCATION/PRESENTATION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from September 8, 2025, were provided.

Motion to approve by Chief Chegan

Second by Dr. Bates

all in favor, minutes approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

- Announced and welcomed new members and guests

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

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REPORTS FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND OTHER AGENCIES:

Office of Emergency Management:

- EMA Summit was held, about 170 attended.
- EOC was activated for general election, had 7 minor incidents at a few polling locations.
- THIRA/SPR plans update is ongoing, using survey format.
- Ongoing training in 2025 and planning for 2026.
- National Disaster Medical System for 2026, looking for full scale exercise on June 9, 2026, at Hopkins Airport.
 - A sidebar conversation was had on EM Track. This brought up the discussion on EM Track usage, MCI thresholds, CECOMS for notification, and MCI annex. Danielle Rossler showed group new triage tags that hopefully will be distributed through hospital systems soon.

County Grants:

- EMS Chair discussed the recent full CCESAB meeting to discuss UASI funding and how projects were ranked with 4.3 million and possible 12 million approval.
- Larry Tafe provided update on FY25 possible funding. With government shutdown and federal courts involved, no exact funding has been received. The performance period was initially changed from 3 years to 1 year. Some projects were not approved by CCESAB due to this short window. This may change with court outcomes. If this does change, it may be possible to have CCESAB reevaluate projects. More to come on this.
- FY24 grant cycle with included an EMS project (POD equipment) will start soon.

Cleveland EMS/Airport:

- Whole blood program update, now have on all three captain vehicles. Has been given approximately 45 times since program started.
- Vents program being rolled out with possible start date of 11/17, training with EMS providers is being conducted.
- Blood drive on December 10th, this will support their whole blood program.

Center for Health Affairs/Well Link:

- Team is working on deliverables.
- We will also be using a contractor for the annual Medical Readiness and Surge Exercise (MRSE); tentatively scheduled for February 6th. Asking for all ASPR hospitals to participate in this exercise.
- Working on an Ohio MARCS team to conduct "training" in hopefully in January.

Cuyahoga County Board of Health/Cleveland Department of Health:

Cleveland:

- First responder and wellness conference was held on November 3-4, with much success. Discussions are being held about the 2026 conference.
- Working on deliverables

County:

- Food drive with MRC assistance, email was sent out to committee members.
- Blood drive with MRC assistance, email was sent out to committee members.
- Continues to work on deliverables and training.
- Working on POD MOU updates.

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CECOMS:

- Report given by Kevin Friis:
 - Moving facility to Bedford Heights (old PSAP location).
 - PSAP audits are being conducted.

NOTS:

- NOTS symposium was held on 10/13. Had highest attendance since COVID. 2026 symposium will be held on November 9th, at the same location, same price as 2025.
- Still working on a Fall prevention program.
- New NOTS medical director to take over in 2026.
- Looking for Part time EMS coordinator.
- New updates on AHA and training courses in 2026.

Hospital System Updates:

No hospital reports were requested; thus, no report was given.

Cleveland Clinic:
Southwest:
UH:
MetroHealth:

REGIONAL EMS PROTOCOL UPDATE:

- Working on finalizing 2025 protocol changes. Will approve on December 8th for early 2026 implementation.

CECOMS EMD SUB COMMITTEE:

- No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- No report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominations officially open for CCESAB EMS Chair. One nomination for Bruce Elliott. Nominations remain open until next meeting. Election for chair to occur January 12, 2026.
- EMS Committee by laws need to be reviewed. Chair to establish a small ad-hoc to review by-laws. Ask anyone interested in being in this ad-hoc group to let chair know.
- Advised committee we will review the County EOP (MCI plan annex) in early 2026. Will put together a small ad-hoc and subject matter experts to review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / MISC. BUSINESS:

- Due to scheduling conflicts, the next two meetings may need to be scheduled at an alternate location. Danielle Rossler to check on NOTS, Brooklyn Hts. location for these meetings.

NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2026

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to approve by Chief Chegan
seconded by Jackie Jackson
All in favor, meeting adjourned at 3:20PM.