



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD (CCESAB)
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**



Date/Time: Thursday, October 10, 2024 / 2:00 P.M.

Location: Juvenile Justice Center, 9300 Quincy Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106

Attendees (Voting Board Members)

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
<i>Chief Mike Carroll</i>		Chair – Fire Committee		
<i>Mark Christie</i>	X	Vice-Chair – OEM		
Brandy Carney		Cuyahoga County	Jill Smialek	X
Fred Szabo	X	City of Cleveland	Robert Horwatt	
Mayor Richard Bain	X	Mayors & Managers	Mayor Keith Benjamin	
Mayor Paul Koomar		Mayors & Managers	Mayor Pamela Bobst	
Mayor Patrick Ward	X	Mayors & Managers	Mayor Annette Blackwell	
Dep. Chief Ali Pillow		City of Cleveland	Ron Kauntz	X
Robert Horwatt		City of Cleveland	Matt Reinke	
Chief Kelly Stillman		Police Chiefs Assoc.	Chief Michael Cannon	
Chief Patrick Sweeney	X	Fire Chiefs Assoc.	Chief Aaron Lenart	
Lisa Zver		Township Trustee (Olmsted Twp.)	Chief Christopher Methvin	
Sheriff Harold Pretel		Cuyahoga County Sheriff	Chief Aaron Reese/ <i>*Capt. Richard Peters</i>	Late
Chief Deidre Jones		GCRTA	Sgt. Robert Tulevski	X
CHAIR		FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES	VICE-CHAIR	
Chief James Heath	X	Communications	Lisa Raffurty	
Chief Bruce Elliott	X	EMS	Chief Thomas Maund	
{ <i>Chief Mike Carroll</i> }		Fire	Chief Briant Galgas	
Chief Michael Cannon		Law Enforcement	Chief Kelly Stillman	
Mark Christie		Emergency Management (Non-Voting)	Fred Szabo	

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

Vice Chair called the October 10, 2024, CCESAB Meeting to order. Roll was called, and a quorum was in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Vice Chair asked for a motion to approve the August 22, 2024, minutes.

Chief Sweeney motioned, Mayor Bain second, minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Chief James Heath reported Communications committee met 9/11/2024 but there was not a quorum. There was heavy discussion about the question from last

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meeting whether radios had to be turned off and on to find the next tower. Short answer no. Also mentioned, first command truck exhibit. Good showing but not a lot of interest. Will determine if they will do an exhibit next year.

Emergency Management – Mark Christie reported EM committee met 9/10/2024 and the next meeting is 11/12/2024. From the office of EM 8/6/24 update on PA and SDRP activated. Two webinars are scheduled for October 15 & 17 to assist with applying. August 6 storm AAR survey is being circulated. Butler County IMT deployed to Florida. Reminded the EM Summit is 10/30/2024 registration deadline is 10/18/2024. EOC will be fully activated for the November presidential election. Kevin Friis reported -Committee Chairs email sent for 2025 meetings – Plans update to functional and incident specific annexes – National Preparedness Month had event at Beachwood Mall and Harvard Garage. EMAO looking for individuals for deployment – NDMS exercise to be held at Hopkins in lieu of Burke closing – VA Director headed to Ashville to dig a well.

EMS – Chief Elliott reported EMS was on summer recess but was involved with several exercises. The next meeting is 11/4/2024 at Harvard Garage.

Fire – Chief Elliott reported he spoke with Chief Carroll and there was nothing significant to report. The 10/9/2024 Fire Chief meeting was cancelled.

Law Enforcement – No representative/no report.

5. **GRANTS REPORT** – Lezlie White gave grants update. Reported FY 2022 UASI Reallocation Funding Available. Can use December meeting to prioritize.
6. **AGENCY LIAISON REPORT**
 - NEORAMMS (Northeast Ohio Regional Area Maritime Security Subcommittee) – Mark Christie reported there is a meeting next week.
 - JTTF (Joint Terrorism Task Force) – no report
 - BioWatch – no report
 - NEOHCC (Northeast Ohio Healthcare Coalition) – Kevin Friis reported looking to have a national programming day for radios.
 - LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) – Mark Christie reported two vacancies due to John O'Donnel and Sara Lippi promotions
 - NEORFC (Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center) – Pat Thomas reported Job opening for Director position. Will be in EOC for election in November. Continue to support LE.
7. **OLD BUSINESS** – Aggressive ReadyNotify training to migrate all users to new system.
8. **NEW BUSINESS** – Mayor Bain asked question about Flock system & Cleveland System not being integrated. Ron Kauntz answered.
9. **ADJOURNMENT** – Vice Chair Mark Christie asked for a motion to adjourn Mayor Ward motioned Chief Elliot seconded meeting adjourned.