



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES  
ADVISORY BOARD**



**COUMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Location: Parma Police Station  
5555 Powers Blvd. Parma, OH 44129

**Attendees (Voting Board Members)**

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NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Chief Christopher Flynn - Chair	<b>X</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	Chief Chris Lyons	
Steven Greene	<b>X</b>	<b>Vice Chair – (Law Enforcement)</b>		
Randy Kimbro		<b>Brook Park</b>	Lt. Tom Cramer	<b>X</b>
Brad Handke		<b>City of Cleveland Rep.</b>	Vince Mercurio	
Laura Palinkas		<b>City of Cleveland Rep.</b>	Larry Jones II	<b>X</b>
Thomas Stacho		<b>City of Cleveland Rep.</b>	Lt. Reynaldo Oritz	
Supervisor 1 Shawn Smith	<b>X</b>	<b>CECOMS</b>	Supervisor 2	
Brandy Carney	<b>X</b>	<b>Cuyahoga County</b>	Bill Belardo	
Norberto Colon		<b>Cuyahoga County</b>	Vallerie Propper	
Chief Scott Gilman		<b>Fire</b>		
Chief William Turner	<b>X</b>	<b>Fire</b>	Chief Chris Lyons	
Tom Cannell	<b>X</b>	<b>Hospitals</b>	Beth Gatlin	
Pete Greene		<b>Law Enforcement</b>		
Chief Bruce Elliott	<b>X</b>	<b>MARCS</b>		
Chief David Mohr	<b>X</b>	<b>MARCS</b>		
Mayor Cicero		<b>Mayors &amp; Managers Rep.</b>		
George Balasko	<b>X</b>	<b>PARMA</b>	Capt. Ronald Heffern	
Mike Lasky		<b>PARMA</b>	Lt. Tesmer	
Rob Jamison	<b>X</b>	<b>Public Works</b>	Bob Girardi	
Lisa Raffurty	<b>X</b>	<b>Regional Dispatch</b>	Chief Dave Freeman	
Nick Pishnery	<b>X</b>	<b>Regional Dispatch</b>	Kristina Eich	

**Others in Attendance:** T. Blau, N. DiCicco, D. Freeman, K. Ledford, M. Terwilliger, C. Haddon, B. Ringen, S, Garwood

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**ROLL CALL/QUORUM DETERMINATION**

- By Chief Flynn at 9:30 AM
- Roll Call, Quorum established

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No Public Comments

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- G. Balasko motioned to approve November 14, 2012 minutes. B. Elliott seconded. Roll call vote: 13 in favor: 0 abstained: 0 opposed: Motion passed.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

#### **RADIO CACHE**

- The existing Radio Cache is currently programmed on the MARCS 3.5 system for LEUO with no monthly fee. If the MARCS IP were to be programmed into the radios along with 3.5 system the monthly fee is \$20.00 per radio if only the MARCS IP were to be programmed, the monthly fee is \$2.52. The County has begun discussions with the City of Cleveland for the radio cache to be on the system at no cost. City of Cleveland has MARCS program key and is able to program MARCS into City of Cleveland radios. S. Garwood clarified that the City of Cleveland cannot program non-Cleveland users with MARCS Channels. MARCS and Cleveland have a reciprocal agreement between MARCS and the City of Cleveland only. The City of Cleveland is willing to program Lake County, Geauga County and City of Parma interoperable channels if granted permission.
- Concerns expressed over coverage from the City of Cleveland's system and lack of access to the MTAC Channels. Additional towers to the existing Embassy Suites tower including Chagrin Falls, Hunting Valley and Walton Hills will support coverage on the eastside. It is anticipated that these towers will be functional the first quarter of 2013.
- B. Turner suggested to request from MARCS an exception of the monthly fee for the radio cache.
- C. Flynn inquired about the feasibility of the radios being redistributed and not maintained as a cache as several municipalities have or will be migrating to a 700/800 MHz system.
- Suggestion to determine if the existing Radio Cache can be programmed with the MARCS IP, City of Parma and City of Cleveland talk groups and whether the MARCS will allow to keep the radios as LEUO.
- B. Carney reports the general fund that would have been utilized for upgrades to the Motobridge is now earmarked for other projects.
- The radios programmer position for Cuyahoga County will be reposted as changes are being made to the job description.
- S. Greene motioned to recommend that Lake County, Geauga County, City of Cleveland and City of Parma mutual aid talk groups be programmed to the Radio Cache and grant radios. G. Balasko seconded. Roll call vote: 13 in favor: 0 abstained: 0 opposed: Motion passed.

#### **MUTUAL AID**

- S. Greene provided a list of mutual aid channels. This list will need to be updated with UHF, City of Cleveland, City of Parma and Geauga and Lake Counties. The recommendation will be to program these mutual aid channels into all radios that are able to support this.

#### **FY10 GRANT REALLOCATION**

- A grant requests was submitted for the FY10 reallocation in the amount of \$343,681.89 for the purchase of end use equipments. This will be discussed at the CCESAB meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 2:00 PM

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

- D. Mohr recommended teaching use of radios and mutual aid channels to fire and police academies.
- K. Ledford confirmed that his radio request revision was received.
- B. Turner announced D. Mohr's retirement at the end of this year. A thank you to Chief Mohr for all his dedication and hard work.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- No executive session conducted.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- Next meeting January 9, 2013. Location to be Determined
- G. Balasko motioned to adjourn, B. Turner second. Meeting adjourned.