



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Communications Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 12, 2017

Location: Independence Fire Station  
6305 Selig Road  
Independence, Ohio 44131

**Attendees (Voting Committee Members)**

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Chief William Shaw		Chairman		
Steven Greene	X	Vice Chair – (Law Enforcement)	Craig Bollinger	
Randy Kimbro		Brook Park	Lt. Tom Cramer	
Brad Handke		City of Cleveland Rep.	Courtney Newman	
Laura Palinkas		City of Cleveland Rep.	Jack McCarthy	
Debra Cavett		City of Cleveland Rep.	Lt. Reynaldo Oritz	
Lisa Raffurty	X	CECOMS	Supervisor Shawn Smith	
Melinda Burt		Cuyahoga County	Nancy Kolcan	
Pete Greene	X	Cuyahoga County		
Chief Scott Gilman	X	Fire	Chief Rega	
Chief Chris Lyons		Fire	Chief Turner	
Kevin Friis		Hospitals	Beth Gatlin	
Nick DiCicco	X	Law Enforcement	Carol Haddon	
Chief Bruce Elliott	X	MARCS	Chief Tom Robinson	
Jim Heath	X	MARCS	Chief Freeman	
Jeff Scott	X	Law Enforcement	Deano McNeil	
George Balasko	X	PARMA	Capt. Ronald Heffern	
Mike Lasky		PARMA	T.J. Martin	X
Rob Jamieson		Public Works	Bob Girardi	
Tim Clapp	X	Regional Dispatch	Jack McCarthy	
Ron Barlow	X	Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	

**Others in Attendance:** S. Rega, B. Adkins, D. Leff, S. Cartier, C. Haddon, L. Simms, B. Kaminski, W. Samijlenko, M. Stemple, B. Glaetzi, J. Harraman.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Called to order by Steve Greene at 9:37 AM.
- Roll Call conducted, 12 voting members, quorum met.

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None
- Minutes to be read at the next meeting. Motion to hold minutes until the next meeting made by Peter Greene and seconded by Ron Barlow. All voted to carry the motion, no nays.

**3. FY 2017 GRANT**

- Jeff Harramen 2.8 million for the Cleveland UASI. All applications are due by this Friday as the applications are due then.
- Chief Elliot asked to define the UASI and Harraman stated that the funds are for Cuyahoga County, not surrounding counties. State Homeland grants are for the region. Harramen said that the THIRA focuses on capabilities needs and radios are in there so the verbiage in that would be used in the application.
- Gillman asked about the bids for the 2016 funding and Harraman stated that the bid is in process and he hopes that the bid will go out very soon.
- Peter Greene explained the survey process and how the data was collected. This was not a collection of applications. Those were not asked for as directed by the Chair, just a survey of current needs.
- Sheriff's Department made a request for radios, however; Gillman pointed out that in about 2012, over 200 radios were given to the Protective Services and the deputies have Harris radios that are tri-banded (VHF, UHF, 700/800) and not within the scope of this committee or the directive from the County Executive.
- David Leff pointed out that there are agencies that have been given radios but are not using them so he wishes that something be done to police up these radios and have them returned for others. Raffurty asked why agencies need to have so many radios.
- Steve Greene reported that having community use radios, they tend to break easier and quicker. Having radios issues specifically to a person, they tend to last longer and cover staffing usage when there are small events or up to large events.
- Chief Rega mentioned that he does not expect to receive every radio requested so why are agencies asking for high amounts of radios?
- Nick DiCicco went through the list and determined who would not move onto a P25 700/800 MHz and trimmed it down from 576 to 280 radios.
- Additional talk was made about the cache radios and are they being maintained, used, or could become available to needed agencies. The discussion then went to how many radios should be requested at the CCESAB on Wednesday.
- Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland will not be moving onto a 700/800 system. Jeff Scott reports that Notre Dame needs ACU-2000. Gillman pointed out that the communications committee does not fund such requests. DiCicco pointed out by the end of this year, new councils will be out that provide such patching capabilities.
- The EF Johnson radios last year were \$1875 each. So the request will be for \$520,000 to fund 260 radios at \$2,000 per radio.
- DiCicco motioned that \$520,000 to be requested to purchase 260 radios. Seconded by Heath. Voice vote taken. All 12 were yes, no one objected.
- Pete Greene will work with Jeff Harramen to complete the application.
- Steve Greene will present to the CCESAB.
- Gillman asked about the 2016 grant and when the RFP will be out. Harraman reported about a week and a half it will be out but was unsure for how long it will be out.

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**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

- None

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION\***

- Not needed

**6. NEXT MEETING**

- September 13, 2017, 9:30 AM at the Independence Fire Station.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- T. J. Martin motioned to adjourn, Balasko seconded.
- All voted yay, adjourned at 10:48 AM.