



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

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Steven Greene	X	Chairman		
VACANT		Vice Chair	VACANT	
Randy Kimbro	X	Brook Park	Lt. Tom Cramer	
Brad Handke	X	City of Cleveland Rep.	Courtney Newman	
Laura Palinkas		City of Cleveland Rep.	John O'Flaherty	X
Debra Cavett	X	City of Cleveland Rep.	Lt. Reynaldo Oritz	
Lisa Raffurty	X	CECOMS	Supervisor Shawn Smith	
Melinda Burt	X	Cuyahoga County	Nancy Kolcan	
Pete Greene	X	Cuyahoga County		
Chief Scott Gilman	X	Fire	Chief Rega	
Chief Steven Rega	X	Fire	Chief Turner	
William Telfer	X	Hospitals	Beth Gatlin	
Nick DiCicco		Law Enforcement	Carol Haddon	X
Chief Bruce Elliott		MARCS	Chief Tom Robinson	X
Jim Heath	X	MARCS	Chief Freeman	
Jeff Scott		Law Enforcement	David Leff	X
George Balasko	X	PARMA	Capt. Ronald Heffern	
T. J. Martin	X	PARMA	Mike Lasky	
VACANT		Public Works	VACANT	
Tim Clapp	X	Regional Dispatch	VACANT	
Ron Barlow		Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	

Others in Attendance: C. Bollinger, E. Schepp, M. Neumann, G. Rowe, A. Griffith, S. Garwood.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

- Called to order by Steven Greene at 9:33 AM.
- Roll Call conducted, 18 voting members, quorum met.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10, 2018 & JANUARY 31, 2018 MINUTES

- George Balasko motioned for both minutes to be accepted and T.J. Martin seconded. Voice vote: Robinson abstained, all ayes, no nays. Motions passed.

4. VOTE FOR VICE CHAIR

- Gilman nominated Heath, seconded by Leff.
- Burt nominated Raffurty, seconded by Martin.
- Kimbro nominated Rega
- The bylaws state that there needs to be a majority vote by the members present. 18 are present, the majority would be 10 votes.
- First vote was taken with the following results: Heath-1, Rega-9, and Raffurty-8.
- Second vote was taken due to the majority not being reached. Rega-10, Raffurty-8 as Health removed his name.
- Rega was therefore elected as the Vice Chair.
- Greene pointed out the chair and vice chair are elected whereas other members are appointed. With Rega being voted in as vice chair, it creates an opening for the Fire position. This will have to be filled by an appointee from the Fire Chief's Association.

5. AD-HOC APPLICATION EVALUATION COMMITTEE & WORKSHEET

- Greene pointed out the main CCESAB had reduced our last request thus denying the ability to fund radios for Metro Health, Web, and SERT.
- A new criteria for selecting radios to be funded is being sought to help set a better way to fund radios.
- Larry Taff explained that funding requests should meet a terrorism noxious and show that the radios will fall under the Tactical Interoperability Plan.
- Greene described the current criteria but are not clear enough as to how many agencies and for what purpose would the funding be granted.
- Replacement radios at this time will not be funded due to the newer requests coming in.
- An ad-hoc committee is needed to assist in establishing the criteria and scoring.
- Burt mentioned that Jeff Harramann is in conversation with the State for the final opinion in funding replacement radios.
- Taff explained the historical funding sources and available funding however the next round of funding is unknown.
- Taff said the funding in May or June 2018 for radios for law enforcement maybe the next funding source. It is a 5 county awarded funds.
- Gillman asked for a list of radios yet to be awarded and Pete Greene reminded the members that the list was emailed out with the minutes.
- Pete Greene motioned to establish an Ad-Hoc Application Evaluation sub-committee, seconded by TJ Martin.
- Voice vote taken, all ayes, no nays.
- Gillman, Raffurty, Pete Greene, Bollinger, Griffith, and Rega volunteered to work on the sub-committee. Rega to chair the committee.

6. EXERCISES/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION

- Pete Greene mentioned future drills at both airports, dates forthcoming.

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- Pete Greene will be attending the Train the Trainer for COML and AUXCOMM in Minneapolis, MN March 18-23 returning with the latest and greatest information.
- Rega asked about establishing a COML core group to be available for specialty teams.
- Pete Greene has been working on a COML core group and has had two meetings trying to get things together.
- Handke suggested that a COML should be active in area events to maintain deployment capabilities and eligibilities.
- Rega wants a team leader to oversee this.
- Leff mentioned that time and money has been spent on people and yet they are not being held to return their knowledge and usefulness.
- Rega asked for specialty teams to have a COML on th team to work with them.
- Leff wants COML's to be available for the whole County and not just the city that they are from.
- Rega asked for a COML committee to be established, seconded by TJ Martin.
- Vote taken, all ayes and no nays.
- Pete Greene, Griffith, Kimbro, Rega, Handke, and Heath volunteered.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

- If you want to add Parma to your radios, then you need to get ID's to Balasko.
- Pete Greene read off a letter from the FCC that basically said the 800 MHz NPSPAC frequencies are ONLY to be used if all else fails, not for day-to-day activities.
- Garwood told us about an interference issue with 7 counties all using unlicensed frequencies.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- No executive session conducted.

9. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 @09:30a. Location is the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District on East 49th Street.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Martin, seconded by all.
- Adjourned at 10:43 AM.