



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

**Communications Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** March 10, 2021 – 11:00AM

**Location:** Online

**Attendees (Voting Committee Members)**

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Steven Greene		Chairman		
Lisa Raffurty	X	Vice Chair		
Randy Kimbro		Southwest Radio COG	Lt. Tom Cramer	X
Brad Handke	X	City of Cleveland	Courtney Newman	X
Eric Burchak	X	City of Cleveland	VACANT	
Cmdr. Debra Brumfield	X	City of Cleveland	Capt. Brian McEntee	
Jacquelynn Costa	X	CECOMS	VACANT	
Mark Christie		Cuyahoga County EMA	Adam Griffith	X
Melinda Burt		Cuyahoga County Public Safety	Nancy Kolcan	X
Chief Papesh	X	Fire	VACANT	
Chief Schepp	X	Fire	Chief Carcioppolo	
Chief Bobak		LE – Municipal	VACANT	
Lt. Leff	X	LE – Non-Municipal	Craig Bollinger	
Sgt. Pat Devlin	X	LE – Sheriff	VACANT	
Chief Elliott		MARCS User Group	Chief Robinson	
Jim Heath	X	MARCS User Group	Chief Freeman	
George Balasko	X	City of Parma	Walter Samijlenko	
T. J. Martin	X	City of Parma	Mike Lasky	
Nick DiCicco	X	Regional Dispatch	Shawn Smith	
Ron Barlow	X	Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	
Mike Dever		Public Works	Dave Marquard	

**Others in Attendance:** Leslie White, Emily Joseph, Joe Patalon, Dick Miller, Courtney Newman, Richard Kopp, Pat Rhode, Shannon Cartier, Craig Bollinger,

**AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Lisa Raffurty called the meeting to order at 11:02am
- Roll Call conducted, 17 voting members present, quorum met.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Craig Bollinger motioned to approve the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Jacquelynn Costa seconded. All yeas, no nays or abstentions. Minutes approved.

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**4. GRANTS UPDATE**

- Larry Tafe advised the portable radios have been purchased. Motorola, the chosen vendor, has received the purchase order. Chargers have been delivered to CECOMS. The recipients of the radios are Shaker Heights, University Heights, Beachwood, Lyndhurst, East Cleveland, Walton Hills, Oakwood Village and Oakwood Village Fire. 276 radios have been purchased.

**5. OHIO MARCS PRESENTATION**

- Dick Miller (Ohio MARCS) provided the group a presentation on Radio Authentication, Strategic Roaming and Equipment End of Life.
- Mr. Miller explained Radio authentication is designed to enhance reliability and security to the MARCS system. One radio, one I.D. Authentication is required on all new radio purchases after July 1, 2019. The MARCS system will be ready to accept radios using authentication in July 2021, authentication will be mandatory effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. XTL/XTS and newer radios can be flashed to include radio authentication at cost of approximately \$50 - \$150.
- Roaming of high-traffic talkgroups continues to be an issue. Strategic Roaming limits radios to certain talkgroups when roaming out of the “home” County. Departments will be asked to come up with a dispatch talk group.

**6. REGIONAL TIC-PLAN**

- Adam Griffith attended a working group discussion regarding Regional TIC Plans. If the Committee wishes to move forward with this idea, the plan would cover Homeland Security Region 2 counties and Summit County. Adam will put together a meeting with Region 2 to further discuss the idea.

**7. EXERCISE/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION**

- Adam Griffith - There will be a region-wide virtual table-top exercise (Operation Frostbite) March 30 – April 1.
- MARCS will be conducting a virtual COM-L course.
- Jacquelynn Costa advised there will be an MCI drill at Burke Lake Front Airport in September.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

- Dick Miller reported the federal government will be moving into the Wolstein center on 3/16 for 6-8 weeks for mass COVID immunization.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- No Executive Session

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- Next meeting scheduled for May 12th at 11:00 a.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

- Adam Griffith motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T.J. Martin. All yeas, no nays or abstentions.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.