



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

**Communications Committee Meeting Minutes
Urgent Meeting**

Date/Time: April 16, 2021 – 10:00AM

Location: Online

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Steven Greene	X	Chairman		
Lisa Raffurty	X	Vice Chair		
Randy Kimbro		Southwest Radio COG	Lt. Tom Cramer	
Brad Handke	X	City of Cleveland	Courtney Newman	
Eric Burchak		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	X	Cuyahoga County Public Safety	Nancy Kolcan	
Chief Papesh	X	Fire	VACANT	
Chief Schepp	X	Fire	Chief Carcioppolo	
Chief Bobak		LE – Municipal	VACANT	
Lt. Leff		LE – Non-Municipal	Craig Bollinger	
Sgt. Pat Devlin	X	LE – Sheriff	VACANT	
Chief Elliott	x	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		
Ron Barlow		Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	
Mike Dever		Public Works	Dave Marquard	

Others in Attendance: L. White, P. Rhode, S. Cartier, J. Traci, J.Patalon, P. Sweeney, T. Welch, C. Weil, D. Merchant, A. Mecklenburg, L. Tafe, B. Turner, M. Carroll, D. Freeman

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

- Steve Greene called the meeting to order at 10:06am
- Roll Call conducted by Lisa Raffurty, 16 voting members present, quorum met.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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3. RADIO GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Steve Greene provided an overview of the eight (8) grant applications that were received.

Two (2) applications were received from Chagrin Valley Dispatch; one did not meet the criteria (link layer), the other (COW) was tabled for the CCESAB to review.

Cleveland Emergency Management applied to replace twenty-five (25) cache radios. The Committee has previously voted to not replace cache radios.

SPAN – Two (2) radios for CRT. Not for daily use, did not meet criteria.

SEALE – Twelve (12) radios and twelve (12) headsets for SWAT Medics. Not for daily use, did not meet criteria.

Euclid Police - Twenty-four (24) radios. Replacement radios, did not meet criteria.

Highland Hills Fire - Twelve (12) Replacement radios, did not meet criteria.

Highland Heights Police – Fifteen (15) radios. The committee agreed the application met criteria, scored 11 out of 20 points.

- Larry Tafe stated that verification is needed to prove that the project can be done for under \$50,000 and that an appropriate approved equipment list is also needed.
- Lt. Leff asked if the committee was staying with only accepting portable requests as it has been the focus. Greene explained the bylaws state we hear all communications related requests.
- Nick DiCicco provided an explanation of the two requests submitted by Chagrin Valley.
- Chief Carroll advised the committee to submit all of the requests to CCESAB but to clarify the two thought to meet criteria.
- A vote to proceed with the two requests was conducted, 3 members abstained; all other present members were in favor.

4. ADJOURNMENT

- Adam Griffith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steve Greene seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

5. NEXT MEETING

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