



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

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: July 14, 2021 – 11:00 AM
Location: Paul W. Cassidy Theatre, 6200 Pearl Rd. downstairs, Room B
 Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Steven Greene	X	Chairman		
Lisa Raffurty		Vice Chair		
Randy Kimbro	X	Southwest Radio COG	Lt. Tom Cramer	
Brad Handke	X	City of Cleveland	Courtney Newman	
A/C Eric Burchak		City of Cleveland	VACANT	
Cmdr. Carla Ellis		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	
Chief Papesch	X	Fire	VACANT	
Chief Schepp		Fire	Chief Carcioppolo	
Chief Bobak		LE – Municipal	VACANT	
Lt. Leff	X	LE – Non-Municipal	Craig Bollinger	
Sgt. Pat Devlin		LE – Sheriff	VACANT	
Chief Elliott	X	MARCS User Group	Chief Robinson	
Jim Heath		MARCS User Group	Chief Freeman	
George Balasko		City of Parma	Walter Samijlenko	
T. J. Martin		City of Parma	Mike Lasky	
Nick DiCicco		Regional Dispatch	VACANT	
Ron Barlow		Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	
Mike Dever		Public Works	Dave Marquard	

Others in Attendance: Christene Jones, Lisa Davet, Larry Tafe

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

- Steve Greene called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.
- Roll Call conducted by Jacquelynn Costa, 8 voting members present, quorum not met.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Minutes could not be approved. Quorum was not met.

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4. GRANTS UPDATE

- Larry Tafe provided a grants update. He commented that the State has released FY 21 grants in the amount of \$600,061. Homeland – Cyber requirement is \$80,000 going to Cyber Security. There is a mandatory minimum amount of \$257,130. \$80,000 going to fight domestic violence. Brad Hanke commented that all radios from the last grant were deployed except Walton Hills and Oakwood. He also commented that he told East Cleveland to reach out to the State for assistance regarding radios that stopped working. Brad Hanke asked Larry Tafe who from the State would handle non-working radios. Larry Tafe commented that the radios are only two years old and should be under warranty. Chief Elliot commented asked if Highland Heights was going to be on the Marcs System. Larry Tafe commented that money from previous grant has been reallocated and the radio vendor received a purchase order on Monday, July 12th, 2021. He also stated that Highland Heights radio and COW machine should be delivered to CVD in August. Email regarding State grant should be out July 14th. Chief Elliot asked when do radio requests have to be submitted. State commented that all requests need to be in by July 23rd. Meetings for all radio requests need to occur between July 22nd and August 6th. Larry Tafe commented that committees will have to meet to vote on projects.

5. EXERCISE/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION

- Adam Griffith commented that there will be a real-world activation in EOC on August 3rd. He also commented that there will be a full-scale Hazmat exercise at Tri-C West and a Mass Casualty exercise at Hopkins International Airport on September 21st.

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6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

- NONE

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- NONE

8. NEXT MEETING

- September 8, 2021

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Brad Hanke motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jacquelynn Costa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.