



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

**Communications Committee Meeting Minutes**

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

**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	<b>Chairman</b>		
Lisa Raffurty	X	<b>Vice Chair</b>		
Randy Kimbro		<b>Southwest Radio COG</b>	Lt. Tom Cramer	
Brad Handke	X	<b>City of Cleveland</b>	Courtney Newman	
Anthony Luke		<b>City of Cleveland</b>	VACANT	
Cmdr. Carla Ellis		<b>City of Cleveland</b>	Capt. Brian McEntee	X
Jacquelynn Costa	X	<b>CECOMS</b>	Christopher Minek	
Mark Christie	X	<b>Cuyahoga County EMA</b>	Adam Griffith	
Melinda Burt		<b>Cuyahoga County PSJS</b>	Nancy Kolcan	X
Chief Papesh		<b>Fire</b>	VACANT	
Chief Schepp	X	<b>Fire</b>	Chief Carcioppolo	
Chief Bobak		<b>LE – Municipal</b>	VACANT	
Lt. Leff	X	<b>LE – Non-Municipal</b>	Craig Bollinger	
Sgt. Pat Devlin		<b>LE – Sheriff</b>	VACANT	
Chief Elliott	X	<b>MARCS User Group</b>	Chief Robinson	
Jim Heath		<b>MARCS User Group</b>	Chief Freeman	
George Balasko	X	<b>City of Parma</b>	Walter Samijlenko	
T. J. Martin	X	<b>City of Parma</b>	Mike Lasky	
Nick DiCicco	X	<b>Regional Dispatch</b>	Emily Joseph	
Ron Barlow		<b>Regional Dispatch</b>	Kristina Eich	
Mike Dever		<b>Public Works</b>	Bryan Hitch	

**Others in Attendance:** Adam Griffith, Craig Bollinger, Walter Samijlenko, Lezlie White, Lawrence Tate, Bryan Kloss, Dick Miller, Shimon Mermelstein, Bob Horwatt, Pat Devlin, Steve Rega, Emily Joseph, Dan Moore.

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Steve Greene called the meeting to order at 11:03am
- Roll Call was conducted by Lisa Raffurty, voting members present, quorum met.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – 7/14/, 8/4, and 9/8**

- 7/14 and 8/4 minutes approved.
- No quorum met for 9/8 meeting. Jackie Costa abstained.
- 9/8 meeting minutes approved.

**4. GRANTS UPDATE**

- Chief Elliot stated that a grants update was given at an EMS meeting he attended.
- Projects must be under \$50,000 and submitted to grants by December 31, 2021. Steve Greene stated that projects must be done by May 31, 2022.

**5. CLEVELAND EMA GRANT REQUEST FOR REALLOCATED FUNDS**

- Cleveland EMA stated that they submitted an application for radios that will be assigned to their emergency management staff. They do not have the capacity to access MARCS channels, which is what they would like to have. EMA stated that the radios would be for inner-office use. Brad Hanke stated that radios should be per position and that 10 is the minimum. EMA stated that their wish list would be for 14 radios and that they have budgeted for \$3500 per radio. Brad Hanke also stated that the city of Cleveland would be billed for the Marcs subscription and that Cleveland would look into EMA being billed for Marcs. T.J. Martin motioned for forwarding the EMA radio application. Steve Greene seconded.

**6. EXERCISES/DRILLS FOR COM-L PARTICIPATION**

- No COM-L exercises.
- Adam Griffith stated that he emailed a survey request for preparedness plans.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

- Steve Greene stated that Bylaws were never submitted due to CO-VID and going virtual. Bylaws were approved and will be sent to CCEASAB. He also stated that nominations for Chair-man will take place at the January 12, 2022 meeting.
- Dick Miller stated that Cuyahoga County simulcast channels are up to 24.
- Bryan Kloss stated that EOC is deploying more radios. They will be purchasing 9 radios for EOC staff and are asking for P-25s compatible radios.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **NONE**

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**9. NEXT MEETING**

- **January 12, 2022**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

- **George Balasko motioned to adjourn the meeting. T.J. Martin seconded.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.**