



CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (CCESAB) MEETING MINUTES



Date/Time: Thursday, August 13, 2026 / 2:00 P.M.

Location: Harvard Garage, 2501 Harvard Ave, Newburgh Hts, OH 44105

Attendees (Voting Board Members)

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Chief Michael Carroll	X	Chair – Fire Committee		
Mark Christie	X	Vice-Chair – OEM	Kevin Friis	
Brandy Carney		Cuyahoga County	Jill Smialek	X
Fred Szabo	X	City of Cleveland	Robert Horwatt	
Mayor Richard Bain		Mayors & Managers	Mayor Matt Burke	
Mayor Patrick Ward	Late	Mayors & Managers	Mayor Annette Blackwell	
Mayor Paul Koomar	X	Mayors & Managers	Mayor Matt Burke	
Dep. Chief Ali Pillow		City of Cleveland	Ron Kauntz Robert Horwatt	X
Michael Herb		City of Cleveland	Matt Reinke	X
Chief Kelly Stillman		Police Chiefs Assoc.	Chief Michael Cannon Chief Paul Matis	X
Chief Patrick Sweeney Chief Briant Galgas	X	Fire Chiefs Assoc.	Chief Aaron Lenart	
		Township Trustee (Olmsted Twp.)	Chief Matt Schneider	X
Sheriff Harold Pretel		Cuyahoga County Sheriff	Chief Aaron Reese/ Major Richard Peters	X
Chief Deidre Jones		GCRTA	Sgt. Robert Tulevski Sgt. Michael Kehl	X
CHAIR		FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES	VICE-CHAIR	
Asst. Chief James Heath		Communications	Lisa Raffurty	X
Chief Bruce Elliott	X	EMS	Chief Aaron Lenart	
{Chief Michael Carroll}		Fire	Chief Briant Galgas	
Chief Michael Cannon		Law Enforcement	Chief Kelly Stillman	
Mark Christie		Emergency Management (Non-Voting)	Fred Szabo	

MINUTES

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

Chair Chief Michael Carroll called the August 13, 2026, CCESAB Meeting to order. Roll called, and a quorum was in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –Chair Chief Michael Carroll asked for a motion to approve the June 11, 2026, minutes. Fred Szabo moved mayor Paul Koomar second. Chair Chief Michael Carroll put forth the vote, all in favor. The motion for the minutes to be approved as circulated was unanimously approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Lisa Raffurty reported Communications subcommittee met on 7/8/2026. The committee voted to put forth one project to be considered in round two. Next scheduled meeting is 9/9/2026.

Emergency Management – Mark Christie reported Emergency Management subcommittee met 7/14/2026 received one project for consideration also mentioned bylaws updates to include the Fusion Center and the Animal Shelter as voting members.

EMS – Chief Bruce Elliott reported EMS subcommittee had a general meeting on 7/20/2026. Will discuss possible future projects at the 9/14/2026 meeting.

Fire – Chair Chief Michael Carroll reported Fire Subcommittee met 7/29/2026 to prioritize and review grants. Fire subcommittee will meet again in September to review potential other grants for application.

Law Enforcement – Chief Paul Matias reported Law Enforcement subcommittee met on 7/17/2026 to review and prioritize several projects.

- 5. GRANTS REPORT** – Leslie White gave an update: FY23 UASI grant closed on 7/31/2026 with a 99.99% utilization (way to go grants)! FY24 UASI extended to 5/31/2027. Looking forward to doing a reallocation later this year, possible at the October meeting. FY25 was finally received from the State. Is currently with County law for review now going through the County's approval process. FY26 UASI to prevent, prepare for, protect against and respond to acts of terrorism. Chair Chief Carroll asked the individual application owners to present projects for prioritization.

- 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – The executive committee broke to prioritized grants applications and discussed the application for LPR cameras. Reconvened at 3:05pm to report the executive committee suggestions and took additional questions. Chair Chief Carroll asked for a roll call vote to approve the grant requests per the list as stated. Roll was called and the vote was unanimous.

7. AGENCY LIAISON REPORT

- NEORAMMS (Northeast Ohio Regional Area Maritime Security Subcommittee) – No report
- JTTF (Joint Terrorism Task Force) – No report
- BioWatch – No report
- NEOHCC (Northeast Ohio Healthcare Coalition) – No report
- LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) – Greg Laurenson reported commodity flow study going on now should wrap up in mid-September.
- NEORFC (Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center) – Director Eric Morgan reported Cleveland shut off access to Flock cameras, forced by city council.

8. OLD BUSINESS – none

9. NEW BUSINESS –

- EMS Bylaws update review and approval
 - Emergency Management Bylaws update review and approval
- Chair Chief Michael Carroll asked for a motion to approve the updated bylaws for EMS and Emergency Management subcommittees. Mayor Ward motioned Mark Christie second. All in favor, motion approved.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Ward motioned to adjourn, Fred Szabo second meeting adjourned.