



CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Location: Independence Fire Station
6305 Selig Road
Independence, Ohio 44131

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Chief Christopher Flynn - Chair	X	Chairman	Chief Chris Lyons	
Steven Greene		Vice Chair – (Law Enforcement)		
Randy Kimbro	X	Brook Park	Lt. Tom Cramer	
Brad Handke	X	City of Cleveland Rep.	Vince Mercurio	
Laura Palinkas		City of Cleveland Rep.	Larry Jones II	X
Debra Cavett	X	City of Cleveland Rep.	Lt. Reynaldo Oritz	
Supervisor 1 Shawn Smith	X	CECOMS	Supervisor 2 Jackie Costa	
Brandy Carney		Cuyahoga County		
Pete Greene	X	Cuyahoga County	Vallerie Proper	
Chief Scott Gilman	X	Fire		
Chief William Turner		Fire	Chief Chris Lyons	
Tom Cannell	X	Hospitals	Beth Gatlin	
Nick DiCicco	X	Law Enforcement	Carol Hadden	
Chief Bruce Elliott		MARCS	Chief Tom Robinson	
Chief Dave Freeman		MARCS	Jim Heath	X
Mayor Cicero		Mayors & Managers Rep.		
George Balasko	X	PARMA	Capt. Ronald Heffern	
Mike Lasky		PARMA	Lt. Tesmer	
Rob Jamieson		Public Works	Bob Girardi	
Lisa Raffurty	X	Regional Dispatch	Chief Dave Freeman	
Nick Pishnery	X	Regional Dispatch	Kristina Eich	

Others in Attendance: K. Ledford, R. Uhl, M. Terwilliger, C. Haddon, T. Wolf, R. Venables, B. Ringen, P. Sweeney, D. Leff, E. Payne, B. Smith, B. Campbell, D. Ferguson, B. Jackson, K. Ledford.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

- By Chief Flynn at 9:34 AM
- Roll Call, 14 voting members, Quorum established

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Date of meeting on second page shows December 2012. Adjustment to be made. Randy Kimbro made motion to accept, seconded by George Balasko. 14 yes votes, motion passed.

4. TIC-P

- Pete Greene reported sick with flu one whole week and Tamera Blau has moved to another agency and her work was given to Pete Greene thus a delay in completing the update. Pete Greene reports that he hopes to have it completed by the end of this month. It will go out to those on the working group for review and presented at the May meeting for further review. Brad Handke expressed that if agencies know of changes, they should be sent to Pete Greene for inclusion.

5. ATTENDEES RADIOS

- Steve Greene asked that all attendees bring their portable radios. The challenge was that a person sitting next to them may or may not be able to work it or find a talkgroup. The next challenge was for the next meeting, each agency present a spreadsheet showing what they have in their radios. The hope is to learn what your neighbor has and where can you go to talk to them.
- A discussion started that there was an agreement that a radio could have MARCS and Cleveland in it. Clone keys from MARCS have not been delivered to Cleveland. Darryl Anderson needs to be invited to the next Comms meeting. Confusion was discussed as to what free MARCS templates/talkgroups are available.

6. CECOMS

- Supervisors have been trained by APCO for emergency management dispatching. Current dispatchers are being trained now in APCO standards. A manager will be hired to address the future business aspects of CECOMS. It was asked of CECOMS if the cellular call location was going to get better. The future next generation 9-1-1 systems will have better location but it's based solely on what the cell phones GPS is broadcasting. A bad signal will give a bad location. The plan is to have the PSAPS updated starting June this year and completed by the end of 2015. Next PSAPS meeting is in Rocky River, next Wednesday, 10 am.

7. MARCS/PARMA/CLEVELAND TEMPLATE UPDATE

- Waiting for system keys to come back to Parma and then clone keys will go out.

8. PROGRAMMING

- Pete Greene will get a hold of MARCS, Cleveland and Parma to set a meeting so that all three system holders are in the same room and we can finalize the programming issues of who gets what.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Brad Handke explained that there is a \$75 fee per radio for anyone to have it programmed onto the Cleveland system if they want talkgroups outside of the Regional talkgroups. An example would be if a neighboring city would want a District talkgroup, then they pay \$75 to have it programmed plus the monthly fee. If they want the Regional Talkgroups only, then there is no fee.
- Drew Ferguson asked that we have a future communications vehicle rodeo where everyone can see the abilities of each vehicle.
- It was asked if the county tracks the BSSA van that serves our area. It was found in Ottawa County that they had radios but since no one was paying the user fees, MARCS was not active in the truck. It is verified that the van in Geauga County is active on MARCS but unsure for the back-up van. Also, Lucas County has renamed air med talkgroups and he pleads for us not to follow this mistake.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- No executive session conducted.

11. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting: April 29, 2014 at 10 AM Chagrin Valley Dispatch in the Bedford Hospital, Center 88 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio

12. ADJOURNMENT

- C. Flynn motioned to adjourn, all in favor at 10:39 AM.