



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
11:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gallagher at 11:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll. Committee members Gallagher and Greenspan were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Ms. Simon was absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2011 meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

5. UPDATES REGARDING VARIOUS MATTERS – County Sheriff Bob Reid/Deputy Chief of Staff, Justice, Norberto Colon

a) Jail Kitchen

Mr. Norberto Colon, Deputy Chief of Staff, Justice and Mr. Ken Kosovar, Director of Corrections at the Office of the Sheriff, addressed the Committee regarding the status of the jail kitchen. Renovations will begin in February or March of 2012. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Colon and Mr. Kosovar pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

b) MetroHealth Medical Center

Mr. Colon and Mr. Kosovar reported that the contract with Midwest Medical will expire on 12/31/2011. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Colon and Mr. Kosovar pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

c) 9-1-1 Services

Mr. Colon and Mr. Ed Jerse, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding 9-1-1 Services. A timeline has been established and a data study has been completed. Mr. Jerse and Mr. Colon have been engaged in a survey of the 9-1-1 Services and Mr. Jerse is reviewing initial draft proposals with the vendor. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Colon and Mr. Jerse pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Greenspan stated that Council can be of assistance. He also asked that Councilmembers be informed when meetings are scheduled in their districts. Mr. Gallagher concurred with Mr. Greenspan.

d) Regional Dispatch

Mr. Colon and Mr. Jerse addressed the Committee regarding Regional Dispatch. Some dispatch centers in Cuyahoga County; including the Chagrin Valley area and the southwest and southeast regions, are interested in consolidation. The respective fire and EMS departments are already working well together. Mr. Colon stated that the next step in the process will be to provide Mr. Jerse with results of a survey at which point the project will be shifted from the Department of Public Safety and Justice to the Department of Regional Collaboration. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Colon and Mr. Jerse pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

e) Security teams assigned to Division of Children & Family Services

Ms. Patricia Rideout, Chief Administrator at the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding the security teams assigned to the Division of Children & Family Services and the need for improvement. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Rideout pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

6. MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

a) Council Initiatives

Mr. Kevin Sur, Training and Outreach Manager/Program Officer IV at the Office of Emergency Management, discussed his role as a community educator. He also discussed his research and the implementation of new technology in the outreach area.

Mr. Jared McQuiston, Chief Planner at the Office of Emergency Management, discussed his role as the developer of the preparedness cycle and ambassador to the municipalities. He also discussed his role in planning and implementing equipment and training.

Ms. Brandy Carney, Operations Manager at the Office of Emergency Management discussed her role as the coordinator of services with the municipalities.

b) Reverse 9-1-1

Mr. Colon discussed the Interactive Notification System. The system has become very useful to colleges and universities. He also stated that the paging mechanism for the County gets tested frequently. A system can be developed as a warning system that can be used to broadcast emergency messages and can also be used as a pager. Mr. Colon also stated that in spite of the usefulness of Reverse 9-1-1 system, municipalities that we cannot rely solely on the Reverse 9-1-1 system we must rely on municipalities.

c) Downtown and Suburban Evacuation

Discussion of items C and D occurred simultaneously

d) Countywide Disaster Plan

Mr. McQuiston addressed the Committee regarding Downtown and Suburban Evacuation and the Countywide Disaster Plan. The Office of Emergency Management has designed a more user friendly plan to conform with the new government. Mr. McQuiston hopes to have approval of the training by County Executive FitzGerald in December.

Mr. Greenspan asked Mr. Colon if there are any emergency plans for such disasters as biochemical attacks, railway attacks, nuclear attacks, soil and environmental attacks, water supply attacks, Pandemic Flu outbreak, weather disasters, traffic patterns and evacuation of the suburbs. He also asked who holds jurisdiction on such matters and the need for Council to be briefed on such matters. Mr. Colon responded that some plans are in place but they all need to be evaluated or re-evaluated. He further stated that the municipalities hold jurisdiction on these matters.

Mr. Gallagher thanked the presenters for their attendance.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business

8. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Gallagher, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. without objection.