

SUMMIT COUNTY
System Administrative Committee
March 25, 2010

PRIMARYS

Paul Moledor	Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department
Kevin Read	City of Akron
David Gatie	Tallmadge Fire Department
Glenn Goodrich	Fairlawn Fire Department
Joe Tulak	Akron Public Schools
Lori Pesci	County of Summit
Robert Calderone	Green Fire Department
Mike Kallai	Barberton Police Department

ALTERNATES

Doug Cincurak	City of Green
Rob Ross	City of Akron
Jim Rogers	Copley Fire Department
Ken Starcher	City of Cuyahoga Falls
Michael McNeely	Bath Police Department
John Dolensky	Coventry Fire Department

GUESTS

Carly Lange	Emergency Management Agency
Steve Phillips	Akron Police Department
Dave Reichelt	City of Stow/L-TRONICS
Kent Bulgrin	City of Cuyahoga Falls
Drue Flickinger	Fallsway Equipment
Jack Davis	Cuyahoga Falls Police Department

The meeting of the System Administrative Committee was called to order by Vice Chairperson Gatie on Thursday, March 25, 2010, in the Fifth Floor Conference Room of the Akron CitiCenter Building, 146 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Kallai made a motion to approve the February 25, 2010 System Administrative Committee minutes; Chief Calderone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Vice Chairperson Gatie stated that MedFlight has contacted Stark and Summit Counties regarding programming of talkgroups on their radios.

Vice Chairperson Gatie stated that Chief D. Calderone is working with Ms. Pesci and Mr. Read, however Chief Calderone does not currently see a need for MedFlight to have access to Summit County's talkgroups, based on the State plan. The discussion will be reviewed at the Working Group.

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Read stated that the Owner's Committee is currently working to revise the 800 MHz Budget for the System Administrator; however a System Administrator has not yet been hired.

Ms. Pesci stated that four applicants have been interviewed and the Owner's are working to review the budget to determine adequate funding for sustainment of the System as well as hiring the new System Administrator.

Ms. Pesci noted that the future invoices for User Fees will be e-billed, pending electronic contact information. Ms. Pesci reviewed the communities still needing electronic contact information.

OWNER'S REPORT

Ms. Pesci stated that the Owner's Committee is currently working on a contract and payment for Mr. Scarlatelli and the work done towards rebanding.

Ms. Pesci reported that the Owner's Committee is continuing to look for funding for a new tower. If funding becomes available, that information will be made available to the System Administrative Committee.

Ms. Pesci noted that the County of Summit is working with the City of Cleveland regarding the use of land for the Twinsburg Tower relocation.

Chief B. Calderone inquired about the pending budget issues for the new System Administrator.

Ms. Pesci stated that the Owner's Committee is currently reviewing all the numbers and commitments to sustain the System.

Chief Goodrich thanked Mr. Read and the City of Akron for covering the System Administrator duties for the time being.

Chief Goodrich stated that he is concerned with the time frame of hiring a new System Administrator. He is concerned with the need to continue to rely on the City of Akron for the services.

Chief Goodrich stated that the Users were asked to execute a revised User Agreement to ensure the ability to support a System Administrator with user fees.

Chief Goodrich stated that the Users upheld their agreement and the Owner's committed to filling the System Administrator position through the user fees. He feels that this issue

needs to be resolved.

Ms. Pesci stated that Mr. Dobbins and the County Executive's Office relies heavily on Chief D. Calderone and his representation of the System Administrative Committee. The Owner's Committee will be meeting with Chief D. Calderone to discuss all of these issues.

Chief B. Calderone stated the System Administrator's salary was not previously supported by revenue and is concerned that the position is currently pending based on issues with revenue.

Mr. Read stated that the position is not pending revenue; the Owners are looking to determine how the position and sustainment of the System will be funded.

Vice Chairperson Gatie asked if it has been determined if the position will be a county employee.

Ms. Pesci stated that it has not yet been determined. The County is currently under a hiring freeze through the end of the year; however the Owners are exploring other options.

Chief Kallai stated that a meeting has been scheduled to determine where to go from here. All of the posed questions will be answered and then reported out.

Chief Ross stated that the meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2010.

PROGRAMMING REPORT

No new programming to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chairperson Gatie reviewed the recent TIPP Training. Homeland Security provided a presentation with the explanation for the need of a TIPP Plan at a county level.

Vice Chairperson Gatie stated that the TIPP Plans are not required; however grant funding will become dependent on a plan.

The State of Ohio is looking to implement plans at a county level as well as a regionally level. Region 5 already has a plan in place.

A template was provided for a plan. Vice Chairperson Gatie stated that anyone interested in a copy of the template should contact him and he will forward it.

Vice Chairperson Gatie reviewed the Advanced Noise Reduction Software as it is currently recommended by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Vice Chairperson Gatie stated that many radios have the noise reduction capability, however it is not activated. Chief Calderone would like the System Administrative

Committee to determine if the noise reduction software programming should be a default when new radios are programmed, unless otherwise requested.

Chief Ross reviewed the study of the noise reduction software within the City of Akron. He stated that Akron's radios do not currently have the software in place, however the City will be upgrading with the software during the rebanding process. During the testing, they were able to see a significant difference when using the noise reduction software.

Chief Moledor stated that the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department completed similar testing and also saw a significant difference with the software.

Chief B. Calderone made a motion to activate the noise reduction software when programming new radios for the 800 MHz Regional Radio System, as a default, unless other requested by the User; Chief Moledor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORKING GROUP

Vice Chairperson Gatie stated that the Working Group is currently working on a policy of converting MAC to digital. The Working Group has recently merged two proposals together.

At this time, funding is an issue, as the update will cause a change in template. The Working Group would like to get the update through during the rebanding process; however it is not covered by rebanding.

Vice Chairperson Gatie anticipated the proposal to come to the System Administrative Committee at the next meeting.

Ms. Read stated that it would take approximately 400 hours of labor at \$66.00 an hour to convert the system for templates. This does not include time necessary to then update the radios.

Chief Moledor suggested approaching the Domestic Preparedness Steering Committee for funding to support interoperability with the MAC upgrade.

Chief Ross stated that interoperability is a critical priority and there is a need to seek funding for this upgrade.

ODHSPR5IAC
No new report.

STATE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC)

Vice Chairperson Gatie stated that the next SIEC meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2010.

USAGE REPORTS

MAC

No new report.

MERC

No new report.

EMERGENCY BUTTON ACTIVATION

Mr. Read provided a report for emergency button activation during the month of February.

SITE SUMMARY REPORT

Mr. Read provided the Site Summary report for the month of February.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Assistant Chief Dolensky submitted a copy of the Background Noise and Radio Performance to be attached to the meeting minutes.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Calderone stated the next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Fifth Floor Conference Room of the Akron CitiCenter Building, 146 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.**

Community	SAC Representatives	
	Primary	Alternate
City of Akron	Kevin Read	Robert Ross
County of Summit	Lori Pesci	Sharon McMurray
Munroe Falls	Jim Bowery	No Alternate Identified
Mogadore	Don Adams	Michael Rick
Tallmadge	Dave Gatie	Don Zesiger
Lakemore	<i>C. Bittner</i>	Dave Carter
Akron Board of Ed	Joe Tulak	Robert Boxler
Coventry	David Calderone	John Dolensky
Norton	Mike Schultz	Michelle Toris
Airport	Todd Laps	Barry Irwin
Springfield	Victor Wincik	John Smith
New Franklin	Perry Surgeon	Dan Davidson
Green	Bob Calderone	Doug Cincurak
Peninsula	Chief McCue	Tim Baker
Valley Fire	Charlie Reidel	Tim Baker
Humane Society	Tim Harland	No Alternate Identified
Fairlawn	Glenn Goodrich	Dave Mason
Bath	Bill Snow	Mike McNeely
Stow	Paul Amonett	Bill Kalbaugh
Copley	David Sattler	Jim Rogers
Clinton	John Yohey	No Alternate Identified
Silver Lake	Carl Harrison	Gary DeMoss
Metro Parks	Grant Van Fossen	Doug Sheppard
Cuyahoga Falls	Paul Moledor	Ken Starcher
Barberton	Michael Kallai	Kim Baldwin

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