

Improving the Efficiency of Fire Services in Seven Southwestern Cuyahoga County  
Communities

A Joint Project of Area Majors and Baldwin-Wallace College

Community Relations Team Meeting  
October 20, 2006

Attending Meeting: Bernard Benedict, Eric Fingerhut, Sean Gilmore, Jack Kafer, and Kim Lammers.

The team was given an overview of the other teams.

Q: What were the main EMS issues?

A: Medicines that each hospital allow and how much is administered.

Q: How do we convince voters we are not adding taxes?

A: Legal and Finance will be having a combined meeting in November. They will discuss how it will taxes or funding be worked.

Q: Who will the unions negotiate with?

A: They will negotiate with the district. The unions may decide to merge into a single bargaining unit.

The team began looking over the communications including the PowerPoint, the brochure and the newsletter. Minor corrections were made, but the team decided to read over the communications and send their corrections via e-mail.

Q: What are we going to do with part-time?

A: Olmsted Falls has part-timers. In other regionalization processes the cities hired the part-timers full-time, but that has not been decided yet.

Issues that the teams may need to address:

- Is it legal for the mayors and city councils vote on this or must it go to referendum.
- We will need to have town meetings.
- How the votes will be portioned out, will Parma have more votes.
- Will there be some kind of administrative checks and balances for the board.

The next Community Relations Meeting will be November 17, 2006 at 7:30am in the Colony Room.

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