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PARMA LEADS REGIONAL EMERGENCY DISPATCH COLLABORATIVE

(Parma) – The city of Parma has taken the lead role in studying the feasibility of establishing a regional emergency dispatch system. Parma plans to partner with Cleveland State University to conduct the study, funded with a grant from the Ohio Department of Development.

“We are working closely with our neighboring cities while looking forward to the results of the study,” says Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “This proposal is a key ingredient in having first responders work as a regional team for police, fire and EMS calls. We’re talking about saving lives, time and taxpayer dollars.”

Other cities that have committed to the emergency dispatch collaborative feasibility study are: Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Heights, Broadview Heights, Brecksville, North Royalton, Middleburg Heights, the village of Linndale, Valley View, Independence and Brook Park.

Mayor DePiero says this regional cooperation could ultimately lead to other collaborative efforts including communication over a shared emergency radio system.

Parma City Council has already given its approval for the purchase of phase I of an FCC compliant emergency communications system known as P-25, the national standard for so-called interoperability. It will allow for simultaneous communication between Parma’s police officers and firefighters. The system will eventually allow for police, fire and EMS units from other communities to communicate with each other on the same radio system.

Mayor DePiero says Parma is willing to work with Cuyahoga County officials to provide the city’s revolutionary radio communications system with other municipalities, helping to defray costs while saving taxpayers money in the process.

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