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MARCS Steering Committee to meet June 17

The Ohio Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Steering Committee will meet from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 17 in Room 1960 of the Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 S. High St., Columbus.

The main agenda item for this meeting will be a presentation by Harris Dealers to the Steering Committee. Harris Dealers are seeking to find a method to connect Harris local systems to the statewide MARCS radio system.

MARCS, overseen by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, is an interoperable radio communications system that uses state-of-the-art wireless technology to enable first responders to send and receive clear, reliable communications throughout the state.

The MARCS upgrade provides Ohio with an Internet protocol-based, integrated system with coverage and capacity needed to provide voice and data service for more than 128,000 first responders in the state of Ohio. Multiple users are able to communicate over distinct talkgroups, delivering mobile radio coverage to over 99 percent of the state's land mass. Access to 21st Century technology has the potential to significantly reduce response times during emergency situations.