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First meeting of MARCS Task Force Wednesday

The first meeting of the Ohio MARCS (Multi-Agency Radio Communications System) Task Force will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 in the East B Conference Room, which is located on the 31st floor of the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus.

The task force, which was created in House Bill 2, was established to explore and issue recommendations on the organizational structure and operational and capital funding options for the long-term sustainability and more ubiquitous utilization of the MARCS system.

In addition to representatives from the MARCS program office, other members of the task force include representatives from the Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency; Jerome Township Fire Department; Ohio House of Representatives; Ohio Senate; the Ohio departments of Administrative Services, Natural Resources, Public Safety, and Rehabilitation and Correction; Ohio Office of Budget and Management; Ohio State Highway Patrol; and the Portsmouth Police Department.

MARCS is the State of Ohio's comprehensive wireless communication system for police, fire, emergency medical services and other public safety forces. MARCS provides wireless voice and mobile data for state agencies, including the Ohio departments of Natural Resources, Public Safety, and Rehabilitation and Correction. MARCS also provides wireless voice radio service for more than 500 local, county, township, federal and private first-responders.

MARCS is administered by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.