

<h2 style="margin: 0;">MARCS IT Policy</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Use of MARCS Communication Towers, Shelters and Grounds</p>	No: MPP-19.1
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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to formalize the requirements applying to agencies, both public and private, seeking use of MARCS tower sites, including the tower, shelter, and/or grounds owned, leased or otherwise legally controlled by MARCS.

No public or private entity shall co-locate any equipment on MARCS property without meeting all requirements of this policy and policy MPP-17.0, and without the express written consent of MARCS.

2.0 Scope

The scope of this policy is self-explanatory.

3.0 Background

The MARCS Program Office manages numerous tower sites statewide, providing ubiquitous voice and radio coverage throughout the state. By the nature of the locations of the towers, and the height provided, many entities are potential users of the excess capacity afforded by these towers. Examples include other public safety/public service agencies, private cellular and other wireless providers, and private enterprises with wireless radio needs.

On July 29, 2004, the MARCS Steering Committee, in regular session, directed a formal “tower co-location” policy be established for the review and approval of the Steering Committee.

4.0 Basic Requirements for Consideration to Co-locate on a MARCS Tower.

The initial consideration is to preserve future necessary expansion of MARCS equipment on the tower structure. To this end, any tower analysis shall first consider the designed-in future MARCS loading and preserve it.

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First consideration for tower co-location shall be given to state agencies utilizing MARCS as their primary wireless radio system, and then to other public safety police, fire and EMS providers.

Secondary consideration for tower co-location shall be given to commercial wireless carriers and private enterprise. Commercial wireless carriers and private enterprise shall not collocate in MARCS shelters.

All potential customers must meet all requirements for tower co-location found in MPP-17 – “MARCS Co-Location Technical Requirements”.

5.0 Fees for Co-Location Services

State agencies and Tier partners utilizing MARCS as their primary wireless radio system shall pay no additional fee for utilization of MARCS towers or shelters. However, all provisions of MPP-17 must be met.

Non-state public safety agencies with a demonstrated need, upon meeting requirements of MPP-17, shall be charged a fee of \$150 per month per antenna, if utilizing the on-site MARCS shelter. Use of the MARCS shelter shall include MARCS provided commercial and back-up power.

Non State public safety agencies with a demonstrated need, upon meeting requirements of MPP-17 above, shall be charged a fee of \$125 per month per antenna, if utilizing their own or other non-MARCS on-site shelter.

Commercial cellular carriers and/or other non-public safety/public service entities, upon meeting the requirements of MPP-17 above, shall be charged at the negotiated market rate.

6.0 Administrative Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Ohio MARCS to maximize the utility of the MARCS towers by providing co-location revenue as contemplated in this policy.

MARCS Program Office shall provide the MARCS Steering Committee timely updates on the revenue stream provided by co-location.

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