

**Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS)  
Steering Committee • Meeting Minutes  
ODOT Auditorium**

October 18, 2016 • 10:00 a.m.

<b>Committee Members In Attendance:</b>	<b>Stu Davis</b> , State CIO/Assistant Director DAS as Chair <b>William Vedra Jr.</b> , Grove City Public Safety Director <b>Major Shawn Davis</b> , Representing Director's Office of ODPS	<b>Andrew Bremer</b> , ODOT <b>Larry Flowers</b> , Ohio Fire Marshal's Office <b>Christine Morrison</b> , Deputy Director, OBM <b>John Davis</b> , Director, ODNR
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**Welcome**

**Chairman Stu Davis** called the MARCS Steering Committee meeting to order.

**1. Introduction**

Steering Committee members (hereinafter "The Committee") in attendance were introduced. All other individuals in attendance introduced. 45 persons were in the audience.

**Chairman Stu Davis** then asked MARCS Director, Rick Schmahl to conduct the meeting.

An agenda was provided.

**2. Review of 03/28/2016 Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the March 28, 2016 were introduced by Director Schmahl and Chairman Stu Davis. Minutes reviewed by all.

<b>MOTION</b>	Andrew Bremer made a motion to accept the January 14, 2016 minutes. Seconded by John Davis. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.
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**3. New MARCS Services:**

- **VOIP Push-to-Talk Discussion**
- Explanation of the VOiP Push-to-Talk service was outlined by Director Schmahl. Steering Committee members, were presented the proposed service attachment, and flow chart. Chairman Davis asked the members of the Committee to set in motion.

<b>MOTION</b>	Christine Morrison made a motion to approve the VOiP Push-to-Talk to the MARCS system. Seconded by William Vedra Jr. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.
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**4. Procedure Updates:**  
**MPP 14 – System Key Security**  
 Presented by Director Schmahl

- Presented MPP 14 – System Key Security
- Overview of changes to the policy presented.  
 Chairman Davis asked the members of the Committee to set in motion.

<b>MOTION</b>	William Vedra Jr. made a motion to approve the System Key Security as written. Seconded by Christine Morrison. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.
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**5. Procedure Updates:**  
**MPP 15 – Interoperability**  
 Presented by Director Schmahl

- Presented MPP 15 – Interoperability.
- Overview of changes to the policy presented.  
 Chairman Davis asked the members of the Committee to set in motion.

<b>MOTION</b>	Larry Flowers made a motion to approve the Interoperability as written. Seconded by John Davis. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.
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**6. Procedure Updates:**

**MPP 16 – Voice Customer Subscriber Process**

Presented by Director Schmahl.

- Presented MPP 16 – Voice Customer Subscriber Process.
- Overview of changes to the policy presented.  
Chairman Davis asked the members of the Committee to set in motion.

<b>MOTION</b>	John Davis made a motion to approve the Voice Customer Subscriber Process as written. Seconded by William Vedra Jr. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.
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**7. Procedure Updates:**

**MPP 19 – Tower Use**

Presented by Director Schmahl.

- Presented MPP 19 – Tower Use.
- Overview of changes to the policy presented.  
Chairman Davis asked the members of the Committee to set in motion.

<b>MOTION</b>	William Vedra Jr. made a motion to approve the Tower Use as written. Seconded by Larry Flowers. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.
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**8. Procedure Updates:**

**MPP 31 – P25 Device Requirements**

Presented by Director Schmahl

- Presented MPP 31 – P25 Device Requirements.
- Overview of changes to the policy presented.  
Chairman Davis asked the members of the Committee to set in motion.

<b>MOTION</b>	Larry Flowers made a motion to approve the additional radios as written. Seconded by Christine Morrison. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.
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**9. Local Government Sub Committee:**

Presented by William Vedra Jr., Grove City Public Safety Director

- By laws, with entities, representative selected, voting, and attendance policy.
- Chairman Davis asked the members of the Committee to set in motion.

<b>MOTION</b>	Christine Morrison made a motion to approve the additional radios as written. Seconded by Larry Flowers. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.
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**10. LTE Project:**

Presented by Kelly Castle

- Kelly Castle gave an overview on the recent Greene County demo project.
- Kelly Castle gave an update on FirstNet and where Ohio has made strides in moving this forward.
- Also discussed upcoming testing to be completed at the Ohio State Football games.
- Multiple devices are being tested.

**11. Ohio Fire Marshal Grant Update**

Presented by Fire Marshal Larry Flowers

Fire Marshal Flowers gave an update on the success of the Fire Marshal’s grant. During FY 16 and FY 17, the Fire Marshal was successful in granting \$3 Million Dollars in each of the Fiscal Years. Current grant cycle is opening soon. Emphasized the importance of the Counties to apply as a total move.

## **12. MARCS 3 5 Status**

Presented by Dick Miller

Dick reported on the successful turn down of the 3.5 system at the end of July. Minor issues with some radios not being programmed to make the move.

Also covered the success of the Republican National Convention held in Cleveland in July. Thanked partners ODOT, ODNR, and others who provided material support for the RNC. No issues have been identified and there were zero complaints.

Updates to the Tower on Wheels and how these were used to supplement the capacity at the RNC. Motorola worked on short notice to get these changed.

Discussed Push To Talk Statistics, and how successful MARCS has been since migration to MARCS IP. Over 8 million PTT's on average now per week. Montgomery County is going live this week. Will be an additional 3,000 radios on the system.

Last but not least, the MARCS Sprint/Nextel Rebanding project is officially complete. Final payments have been received.

## **13. First Energy Update**

Presented by Jeff Schomer

Mr. Schomer reported that First Energy has successfully migrated to MARCS. Spoke on the waiver from the FCC and how it impacted the transition.

## **14. LEUO Update**

Presented by Rick Schmahl

Director Schmahl gave an overview of the recent transition of LEUO radios. In July of 2016, all LEUO radios were invoiced at \$3 per month per radio or \$36 total for the year. Notices were sent with the invoices, and have resulted in some calls. These notices also addressed procedure effective in July 2017 that will convert all LEUO radios to the local user rate. Most users are making the move to MARCS IP.

## **15. MARCS in Schools Update**

Presented by Kim Link, Motorola

Mr. Link gave an overview on the MIS program. Director Davis gave specific directions for the completion of this project. It will be completed by December 31, 2016.

## **16. P25 Fundamentals**

Presented by Ken Stroud, Motorola

Mr. Stroud gave an overview of P25. This overview demonstrated some of the elements in the new MARCS IP upgrade. After the presentation, the Steering Committee expressed an interest in continuing this type of presentation at future Steering Committee meetings.

**17. Questions and Discussion:**

- Chairman Davis and Director Schmahl polled the attendees for any comments or discussions.

**18. Establishment of next meeting date:**

- Chairman Davis and Director Schmahl will work to get a date scheduled. Topics and Agenda items will be provided. If anyone has specific items to address, please contact Director Schmahl.

<b>Adjournment</b>	John Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Larry Flowers. None opposed. Motion passed, the committee adjourned.
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