Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS)
Steering Committee • Meeting Minutes
ODOT Auditorium
March 28, 2016 • 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members In Attendance:	**Stu Davis**, State CIO/Assistant Director DAS as Chair	**Kevin Stockdale,** Deputy Director ODRC
	Todd Clark, Representing OBM	**Sonja Simpson,** Deputy Director Operations ODOT
	Joe Montgomery, Assistant Director ODPS	**Chad Wissinger,** Chief Deputy, Ohio Fire Marshal's Office
	Eric Harrell, Assistant Director, ODNR	

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. 22 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 7/27/2015 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the January 14, 2016 were introduced by Director Schmahl and Chairman Stu Davis. Minutes reviewed by all.

MOTION	Joe Montgomery made a motion to accept the January 14, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Sonja Simpson. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.

3. New MARCS Services:

- **VOIP Push-to-Talk Discussion**
- Explanation of the proposed new service was outlined by Director Schmahl. Additional information was provided by Sean Kostelnick of Motorola. Steering Committee members were presented the proposed service attachment. Chairman Davis asked the members of the Committee if it was proper to hold off on adoption pending the information and input from the Local Government Sub-Committee and Steering Committee Member William Vedra Jr. The Steering Committee will have a briefing put on by MARCS and Motorola to better understand the technology and will also give time for the rate structure to be reviewed by DAS Finance.
- **Digital Pager**
- Explanation of the proposed new service was outlined by Director Schmahl. Additional information was provided by Tom Bretthauer of the MARCS staff. Discussion by many. A draft of the service attachment for the additional services was provided to the Steering Committee members.

MOTION	Joe Montgomery made a motion to approve the additional service of digital pagers to the MARCS system. Seconded by Sonja Simpson. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.

4. **Adding Additional Vendor Radios:**
   Presented by Director Schmahl

   - Presented a written list of additional radios to be added to the list of acceptable radios to be used on the MARCS system.
   - Overview of how radios are presented, tested, and then approved by the Steering Committee for inclusion was given.

MOTION	Joe Montgomery made a motion to approve the additional radios as written. Seconded by Kevin Stockdale. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.

5. **Ohio Fire Marshal's Grant program:**
   Presented by Chief Deputy Chad Wissinger from the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office
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- Grant program is again giving out approximately $3 million dollars in grants. Grant awards are out and financial items should be out shortly.
- Will add approximately 1,000 radios to the MARCS system.
- Focus was on counties where the entire county was moving to MARCS.

6. First Energy Update:
Presented by Tim Burkhart of First Energy.
- Tim Burkhart reported they are still waiting on the FCC waiver.
- By the end of March, they are hoping to have all the end user equipment installed.
- Lots of involvement from FE at the upcoming RNC. Several issues were discussed.

7. MARCS 3.5 Turn Down:
Presented by Dick Miller.

- Last customers are making the move to MARCS IP.
- Moves are going well. Moving old frequencies to the new MARCS IP system is taking some time but moving satisfactorily.
- MARCS has some days where the Push to Talks (PTT's) exceed 1.1 million daily.
- Overview of areas and when they will be moved was given.
  - o OSHP Districts 1 and 5 are completed
  - o Districts 6 and 10 scheduled on March 29th
  - o District 7 on April 5th
  - o Remaining districts in the works but no firm dates

8. LEUO Letter:
Presented by Director Schmahl

- A draft copy of a letter was provided to the Steering Committee outlining the plan for LEUO radios. At the July 27th, 2015 meeting, the LEUO rate was set at $3 per month per radio to begin on July 1, 2016. This rate would run for one year, and then on July 1, 2017, the LEUO rate would be the same as the local user rate in effect at that time. This is currently $10 per month per radio.

MOTION	Joe Montgomery made a motion to accept the draft letter to be included in the next billing cycle. Seconded by Kevin Stockdale. Stu Davis called for a vote, the motion passed.

9. MARCS in Schools (MIS):

Presented by Director Schmahl and Sean Kostelnick of Motorola.

- 1698 installed. 172 pending installation. 58 are being looked at for special needs.
- Motorola updated everyone that the 114 radios will be installed by the end of May 2016.

10. LTE Project:

Presented by Kelly Castle

- Greene County project is moving forward. Core is installed at the SOCC. Three servers are in operation at the Ohio EOC, SOCC, and Greene County.
- June 28th is a planned event to showcase lessons learned and will involve the federal FirstNet people.
- Multiple devices are being tested.

11. Questions and Discussion:

- Chairman Davis and Director Schmahl polled the attendees for any comments or discussions.
- Attendance at the recent IWCE was discussed by Director Schmahl and Kelly Castle.

12. Establishment of next meeting date:

- Discussion on holding MARCS Steering Committee to review VoIP Push-to-Talk technology and also to have a FirstNet overview. All agreed the next Steering Committee should be as soon as practicable to cover the two outstanding issues. Chairman Davis and Director Schmahl will work to get a date scheduled.

Adjournment	Eric Harrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joe Montgomery. None opposed. Motion passed, the committee adjourned.