

**Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS)
Steering Committee • Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting on Microsoft TEAMS
December 22, 2020 • 10:30 AM**

Committee Members In Attendance:	Ervan Rodgers , State CIO/Assistant Director DAS as Chair Karen Huey , Representing Director's Office of ODPS Kevin Reardon , Ohio Fire Marshal's Office, Department of Commerce Chris Zukoski , Ohio Department Of Health.	Jack Marchbanks , ODOT Dan Baker , Deputy Director, OBM Doug Young , Deputy Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Matt Williams , Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections William Vedra , Local Government Sub-Committee Chair
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Welcome

Chairman Rodgers called the MARCS Steering Committee meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

1. Introduction:

Steering Committee members (hereinafter "The Committee") in attendance were introduced. 43 persons signed in and were in the audience. A copy of the attendance sheet will be attached to the minutes.

Chairman Rodgers then asked MARCS Director, Rick Schmahl to conduct the meeting.

An agenda was provided. Agenda is attached to these minutes. PowerPoint is also attached.

2. Review of 01/18/2018 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the August 23, 2018 were introduced by Director Schmahl and Chairman Rodgers. Minutes reviewed by all.

MOTION	William Vedra made a motion to accept the August 23, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Chris Zukoski. Chairman Rodgers called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.
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3. MARCS Updates:

- **Review of Changes over the last 2 years.**

Rick Schmahl gave an update on the changes as MARCS has become the largest Public Safety Radio System in the United States of America. Director Schmahl then updated the Committee that MARCS now has over 2,800 agencies on the system. Radio count is now over 130,000 with several additional counties coming onto MARCS.

A presentation was shown covering the recent Stark County Investigation. A copy of the presentation will be included with the minutes.

Director Schmahl then gave an overview on a few of the challenges facing MARCS. One of the biggest, will be moving the system to radio authentication. The projected date for this will be July 1, 2025. More on this during the MPP updates.

4. Procedure Updates:

MPP31 was updated and provided prior to the meeting. This MARCS policy covers the proposed change to include radio authentication and ensuring the list of approved radios complies with current P25 standards. There was discussion from several members of the Steering Committee. After discussion, a motion was called for from Chairman Rodgers.

MOTION	William Vedra made a motion to approve the changes to MPP31 as distributed. Seconded by Jack Marchbanks. Chairman Rodgers called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.
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MPP14 was updated and provided prior to the meeting. This MARCS policy covers issuing system keys and other security issues. After discussion, a motion was called for from Chairman Rodgers.

MOTION	Jack Marchbanks made a motion to accept the changes to MPP14 as distributed. Seconded by William Vedra. Chairman Rodgers called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.
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MPP16 was updated and provided prior to the meeting. This MARCS policy covers radio usage known as strategic roaming. It also covers customer process for adding and removing radios from MARCS. After discussion, a motion was called for from Chairman Rodgers.

MOTION	William Vedra made a motion to accept the changes to MPP16 as distributed. Seconded by Chris Zukoski. Chairman Rodgers called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.
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5. Field Operations Updates, Dick Miller:

Dick Miller, Field Operations Manager gave an update on the partnerships and additional infrastructure that has been added since the last Steering Committee. Maps and photos were provided as part of the update. Partnerships that have been added are Stark County, Summit County, Tuscarawas County, Richland County, Trumbull County, and Greater Cleveland RTA.

Infrastructure Updates that have been added is Jesse Owens State Park in conjunction with Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Clinton County/Fayette County with a tower at the Sabina Fire Department and at Midway near the intersection of State Route 38 and Interstate 71, Millersport in conjunction with the Fairfield County Commissioners and the Walnut Township Trustees, Warren in conjunction with the City of Warren, Shelby in conjunction with the Richland County Commissioners, Miami County Simulcast and the Sabina Tower in conjunction with the Miami County Commissioners, and the Honda Tower in Union County in conjunction with Honda of America.

Partnering with additional counties and entities in Williams County, Preble County and the Village of Lewisburg, Richland County and the Village of Lucas, Wayne County and the Village of Fredericksburg, the City of Bowling Green, and others across Ohio.

6. Core Upgrades, Tom Bretthauer:

Tom Bretthauer gave an update on MARCS improvements on the system. Several updates have been completed with Motorola and other vendors to the system and the system overall. All updates have been completed with minimum interruption

7. FirstNet Update, Rick Schmahl:

Director Schmahl gave an update on FirstNet in Ohio. Discussion on how FirstNet and MARCS would share features when available.

8. Legal Update, Stephanie Warner:

DAS Legal Counsel Stephanie Warner gave an update on MARCS issues.

9. Ohio Fire Marshal Update:

Presented by Fire Marshal Kevin Reardon

Marshal Reardon reported on the Fire Marshal Grant. Awards for the first round should be forthcoming. Fire Marshal Reardon reported that the grant has been used to further participation in MARCS by purchasing the end user equipment.

10. Questions and Discussion:

Major Darryl Anderson discussed an issue within Stark County.

Chairman Rodgers thanked everyone for their time and participation.

11. Establishment of next meeting date:

Director Schmahl discussed the need for meetings and how often they would occur. Everyone was in agreement that these meetings should be held once yearly or when needed.

Adjournment	Jack Marchbanks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by many. None opposed. Motion passed, the committee adjourned.
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