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Ohio Department of Public Safety presents MARCS radios to Licking County law enforcement

Licking County Sheriff's Office, local police receive compatible radios

COLUMBUS, OH – In a continuing effort to ensure statewide interoperability among first responders, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, a division of the Department of Public Safety (ODPS), presented 55 radios to Licking County law enforcement. These radios are compatible with the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS).

“Getting these radios into the hands of first responders will help them communicate clearly while decreasing response times and enhancing interoperability,” said John Born, ODPS Director. “We are pleased to be able to make this equipment available to Licking County law enforcement in support of their efforts towards a safer Ohio.”

The MARCS radios were purchased with a U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security grant, which are made available to states and are designed to enhance the capacity of state and local jurisdictions to prevent and respond to incidents. Eighteen jurisdictions around Ohio are receiving 180 radios purchased from these funds.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency, a division of ODPS, serves as the state administering agency for homeland security funds. MARCS is an 800 MHz radio and data network that utilizes state-of-the-art trunked technology to provide statewide interoperability.

The MARCS Program Office is housed within the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Radios were presented today to the Licking County Sheriff's Office, and the Hebron, Granville and Union Township police departments.

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