



# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Department of Public Safety**

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### **Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) to Present MARCS Radios to Local Law Enforcement Agencies**

**Who:** Director Thomas Charles, ODPS  
Director Bob Blair, DAS  
Assistant Director Sima Merick, Ohio EMA  
Terri Stewart, MARCS  
Jason Kirby, MARCS  
Sheriff Tim Bailey, Marion County  
Chief Aaron Miller, Logan Police Department

**Where:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency/Joint Dispatch Facility  
2855 W. Dublin-Granville Rd.  
Columbus, Ohio 43235

**When:** Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012  
10:00 a.m.

**Background:** The Homeland Security grant programs are made available to states via the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) and are designed to enhance the capacity of state and local jurisdictions to prevent, and respond to incidents. Earlier this year, the Marion County Sheriff's office had a levy on the ballot for the purchase communications equipment but the levy failed. The Logan Police Department took a lightning strike that knocked out their radio system. Today, ODPS will present Logan Police Department and Marion County Sheriff's Office with MARCS radios. MARCS is Multi-Agency Radio Communication System and 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.

**\*There will be time for question and answer, and all attendees will be available for interviews.**