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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENTS MARCS RADIOS TO LOCAL AGENCIES

COLUMBUS – In an effort to increase and provide statewide interoperability, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) presented local Perry County Fire Departments, Perry County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Perry County Sheriff's Office with portable and mobile radios today.

These radios are compatible with the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS).

MARCS helps first responders communicate clearly anytime from anywhere, increasing their capacity in normal and emergency operations and decreasing response times.

"We are pleased to be able to make this equipment available to these agencies in support of their efforts to provide a safer community, and ultimately contribute to a safer Ohio," said John Born, ODPS Director. "MARCS improves the availability, accessibility and quality of communications for first responders in the state."

Through a grant awarded to the Perry County Emergency Management and Perry County Sheriff's Office, the following agencies will receive interoperable equipment with MARCS capability:

Crooksville Fire Department
Corning Fire Department
Hopewell Fire Department
Junction City Fire Department
Monday Creek Township Fire Department
New Straitsville Fire Department
New Lexington Fire Department

Perry County EMA
Perry County Sheriff's Office
Roseville Fire Department
Shawnee Fire Department
Somerset Fire Department
Thorn Township Fire Department

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. 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.

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