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State Fire Marshal Grant Improves Communication for 242 Ohio Fire Departments

State Fire Marshal Jeff A. Hussey is pleased to announce the Fiscal Year 2019 awardees for the MARCS (Multi-Agency Radio Communications Systems) grant, which includes 242 fire departments in 40 counties throughout Ohio.

The MARCS radio system allows first responders to seamlessly communicate, not only with each other, but with other agencies responding to an incident (i.e. fire departments from neighboring areas, law enforcement, etc.).

“Operating on a modern, inter-operable public safety radio system will certainly improve emergency services in those counties and provide an enhanced level of safety for our responders,” Marshal Hussey said.

MARCS radios are sophisticated systems, and the cost can be significant. The grant helps to offset the cost of the radio equipment and user fees, making the radios possible for local fire departments, regardless of their size or budget. This year, the State Fire Marshal’s (SFM) office received more than \$12 million in requests for the \$3 million in available funding.

“This high level of competition requires us to make some very difficult decisions regarding who will receive awards,” said Hussey. “It is my hope SFM grant funds will continue to be available in the future and I really want to encourage fire departments that did not receive funding this year to reapply next year.”

Key facts about the program include:

- 242 fire departments in 40 counties received a total of \$3 million in grants.
- Priority funding went to departments that applied as part of a regional or county-wide effort, and departments that showed they are prepared to immediately begin using the MARCS radios upon award receipt.
- Six of the 40 counties awarded are part of a regional effort aiming to have each fire department in the county on the MARCS radio system, including: Crawford, Defiance, Fairfield, Scioto, Washington and Wyandot.
- This is the fifth year the State Fire Marshal’s office has offered this grant.

Letters detailing each department’s award or denial will be sent to applicants in the coming weeks.

2019 MARCS Grant Recipients

County	FDID Name	Grant Amount	
Adams	Manchester Fire Department	\$1,680.00	
	Peebles Fire Department	\$2,040.00	
	Scott Twp. Fire Department	\$1,440.00	
	Winchester Community Fire District	\$2,160.00	
	Franklin Twp. Fire Department	\$1,680.00	
	Wayne Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00	
Ashland	Jeromesville Vol. Fire Department	\$1,320.00	
Ashtabula	Hartsgrove Twp. Fire Department	\$1,440.00	
Athens	Athens Fire Department	\$33,211.00	
Belmont	Bridgeport Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00	
	Brookside Fire Department	\$1,200.00	
	Martins Ferry Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00	
	O R & W Fire District #9	\$720.00	
	Sunset Heights Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00	
	Wolfhurst Central Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00	
	Barton Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00	
	Colerain Fire Department	\$360.00	
	Belmont Vol. Fire Department	\$480.00	
	Lafferty Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00	
	Somerton Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00	
	Powhatan Point Vol. Fire Department	\$480.00	
	Bellaire Volunteer Fire Department	\$720.00	
	Brown	Higginsport Vol. Fire & EMS	\$1,080.00
		Mt. Orab Fire Department	\$1,440.00
		Sardinia Fire Department	\$480.00
Byrd Twp. Vol. Fire Department		\$840.00	
Coshocton	FCV Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00	
	Three Rivers Fire District	\$960.00	
	Walhonding Valley Fire District	\$960.00	
Crawford	Bucyrus Fire Department	\$49,984.67	
	Chatfield Vol. Fire Department	\$48,782.04	
	Crestline Fire Department	\$49,740.75	
	Galion Fire Department	\$49,401.24	
	New Washington Fire Department	\$49,856.31	
	Tiro-Auburn Vol. Fire Department	\$49,554.71	
	Bucyrus Twp. Fire Department	\$37,343.18	
	Dallas Twp. Fire Department	\$49,459.56	
	Holmes Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$49,280.30	
	Liberty Twp. Fire Department	\$49,946.38	
	Lykens Twp. Fire Department	\$37,182.97	
	Whetstone Twp. Fire Department	\$48,973.06	
Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$49,973.41		
Darke	Ansonia Fire Department	\$1,440.00	
	Arcanum Fire Department	\$1,320.00	

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	Greenville Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Hollansburg Fire Department	\$2,160.00
	Pittsburg Fire Department	\$2,880.00
	Rosburg Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Union City Fire Department	\$2,880.00
	Versailles Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$2,040.00
	Gettysburg Rural Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	North Star Comm Fire Department	\$2,040.00
	Osgood Comm Vol. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Greenville Twp. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
Defiance	Defiance Fire Department	\$49,120.50
	Hicksville Vol. Fire Department	\$48,399.21
	Jewell Fire Department	\$31,036.50
	Sherwood Village Fire Department	\$43,763.84
	Farmer Fire Department	\$46,166.24
	Highland Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$49,120.50
	Noble Twp. Fire Department	\$38,387.22
	South Richland Twp. Fire Department	\$49,916.94
	Tiffin Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Ney-Washington Twp. Fire Department	\$49,894.65
	Delaware Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$40,450.96
Fairfield	Amanda Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Bremen-Rushcreek Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Pleasant Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Thurston-Walnut Twp. Fire Department	\$49,956.73
	Berne Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Bloom Twp. Fire Department	\$49,972.64
	Clearcreek Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Greenfield Twp. Fire Department	\$49,938.00
	Richland Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Basil Jt. Fire District	\$50,000.00
	Hocking Twp. Fire Department	\$49,915.58
Fayette	Bpm Jt. Fire District	\$600.00
	Washington Fire Department	\$1,800.00
	Concord-Green Twp. Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	Wayne Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,680.00
Guernsey	Byesville Fire Department	\$1,800.00
	Cambridge Fire Department	\$2,400.00
	Cumberland Vol. Fire Department	\$1,320.00
	Antrim Community Vol. Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Lore City Fire Department	\$1,800.00
	Pleasant City Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Senecaville Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Liberty Comm Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00
	Cassell Station Vol. Fire Department	\$2,160.00

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Hancock	Old Washington Vol. Fire Department	\$1,800.00
	Blanchard Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$720.00
	Jenera Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00
Harrison	Allen Twp. Fire Department	\$120.00
	Liberty Twp. Fire Department	\$480.00
	Cadiz Vol. Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Deersville Comm Vol. Fire Department	\$1,560.00
	Freeport Comm Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Tappan Lake Vol. Fire Department	\$1,560.00
	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Department Inc	\$1,680.00
	Hopedale Vol. Fire & Rescue	\$1,560.00
	Harrisville Vol. Fire Company	\$1,560.00
	Jewett Vol. Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Moorefield Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,560.00
Highland	Scio Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00
	Lynchburg Area Jt. Fire & Ambulance	\$2,280.00
Hocking	Southern Highland Jt. Fire District	\$2,880.00
	Logan Fire Department	\$1,920.00
Knox	Good Hope Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,320.00
	Murray City Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00
Lawrence	Fredericktown Community Fire District	\$1,320.00
	Lawrence Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00
Licking	Decatur Vol. Fire Department, Inc.	\$960.00
	Hanover Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	Newark Twp. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
Madison	Licking Twp. Fire Company	\$1,680.00
	Jefferson Twp. Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	Range Twp. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Central Twp. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
Meigs	Tri-County Jt. Fire District	\$1,680.00
	Middleport Fire Department	\$120.00
	Racine Vol. Fire Department	\$720.00
	Rutland Fire Department	\$840.00
	Syracuse Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	Olive Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00
	Tuppers Plains Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	Columbia Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$600.00
	Graysville Vol. Fire Department	\$720.00
Monroe	Bethel Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$840.00
	Sardis Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00
Morgan	Stockport Vol. Fire Department	\$600.00
	Chesterhill Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00
Morrow	Mt Gilead Fire Department	\$4,320.00
	Cardington Fire Department	\$4,200.00
	Big Walnut Jt. Fire District	\$4,680.00
	Perry-Congress Fire District	\$4,200.00

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Muskingum	Iberia Joint Fire Department	\$4,200.00	
	Adamsville Fire Department	\$1,200.00	
	Dresden Fire Department	\$1,560.00	
	Frazeyburg Vol. Fire Department	\$2,040.00	
	Roseville Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00	
	Falls Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$480.00	
	Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00	
	Newton Twp. Division of Fire	\$2,160.00	
	Wayne Twp.-Duncan Falls Fire Department	\$2,040.00	
	New Concord Fire Department	\$2,160.00	
Noble	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,920.00	
	Caldwell Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00	
Paulding	Belle Valley Vol. Fire & Rescue	\$960.00	
	Antwerp Fire Department	\$3,360.00	
	Grover Hill Vol. Fire Department	\$3,240.00	
	Oakwood Vol. Fire Department	\$3,480.00	
	Paulding Fire Department	\$3,600.00	
	Payne Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00	
	Auglaize Twp. Fire Department	\$3,000.00	
	Crane Twp.-Cecil Fire Department	\$2,760.00	
Perry Pike	Corning Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00	
	Beaver Vol. Fire Department	\$2,880.00	
	Piketon Seal Twp. Fire Department	\$2,400.00	
	Waverly Fire Department	\$1,440.00	
	Camp Creek Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,680.00	
	Elm Grove Vol. Fire Department	\$3,000.00	
	Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$2,040.00	
	Pebble Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$2,760.00	
	Stockdale Vol. Fire Department	\$2,760.00	
	Jackson Twp. Fire Department	\$2,520.00	
	Scioto Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$2,280.00	
	Preble	Camden-Somers Twp. Fire & Rescue	\$1,920.00
		Gaspar Twp. Fire & Rescue	\$2,160.00
		Eldorado Fire Department	\$720.00
		Gratis Vol. Fire Department	\$720.00
		Lewisburg Fire Department	\$480.00
		Northwest Fire Department	\$2,640.00
Ross	Verona Fire Department	\$1,080.00	
	Concord Twp. Fire Department	\$2,520.00	
	Huntington Twp. Fire Department	\$2,040.00	
	Jefferson Twp. Fire & Rescue	\$2,160.00	
Scioto	Scioto Twp. Fire Department	\$1,080.00	
	Valley Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$20,000.00	
	Minford Vol. Fire Department, Inc.	\$20,000.00	
	New Boston Fire Department	\$20,000.00	
	Otway Fire Department	\$20,000.00	

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	Portsmouth Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	South Webster/Bloom Twp. Jt. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Washington Twp. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Rubyville Vol. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Rosemount Vol. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Green Twp. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Morgan Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Nile Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Porter Twp. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Rarden Vol. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Rush Twp. Fire & Rescue	\$20,000.00
	Union Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Vernon Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$20,000.00
Shelby	Fort Loramie Comm Fire Co., Inc.	\$840.00
	Port Jefferson Community Fire Co.	\$1,800.00
Van Wert	Scott Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00
Vinton	Zaleski Fire Department	\$720.00
	Hamden Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Wilkesville Vol. Fire Department	\$2,160.00
Washington	Little Hocking Fire Department	\$48,806.75
	Marietta Fire Department	\$48,806.75
	Oak Grove Vol. Fire & Rescue	\$33,881.05
	Barlow Fire Department	\$28,184.20
	Beverly Vol. Fire Department	\$7,089.46
	Fearing Twp. Fire Department	\$13,680.00
	L A Vol. Jt. Fire District	\$23,186.38
	Grandview Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$20,767.15
	Salem Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$5,995.40
	Little Muskingum Vol. Fire Department	\$7,641.60
	Newport Vol. Fire Department, Inc.	\$17,220.00
	Reno Vol. Fire Department	\$34,358.20
	Warren Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$24,343.90
	Wesley Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$19,103.80
	Belpre Vol. Fire Department	\$8,349.00
	Dunham Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$36,701.85
Wayne	South Central Fire District	\$2,160.00
	Orrville Fire Department	\$2,280.00
	Rittman Fire Department	\$2,160.00
	New Pittsburg Fire Department	\$2,280.00
	Sterling Fire District	\$2,280.00
	Town & Country Fire District	\$2,160.00
Wood	Bloomdale Fire Department	\$840.00
	Bradner Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	Grand Rapids Twp. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Hoytville Fire Department	\$1,440.00

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	North Baltimore Fire Department	\$960.00
	Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department	\$1,560.00
	Central Jt. Fire District	\$1,440.00
	Wayne Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Weston Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Center Twp. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Troy Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
Wyandot	Carey Fire Department	\$49,786.80
	Marseilles Vol. Fire Department	\$12,864.80
	Wyandot East Fire District	\$49,929.90
	Sycamore Vol. Fire & Rescue	\$49,999.41
	Upper Sandusky Fire Department	\$48,112.50
	Wharton-Richland Twp. Fire Department	\$23,586.11
	Pitt Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$44,737.77

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