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## State Fire Marshal Grant Improves Communication for 283 Ohio Fire Departments

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — State Fire Marshal Jeff A. Hussey is pleased to announce the Fiscal Year 2020 awardees for the MARCS (Multi-Agency Radio Communications Systems) grant, which includes 283 fire departments in 43 counties throughout Ohio.

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

“Better, more reliable communication means a better overall response to emergency situations,” said Marshal Hussey. “Having more agencies on a modern, state-of-the-art radio system translates to an enhanced level of safety for our first responders, and safer communities for Ohioans as a whole.”

MARCS radios are sophisticated systems, and the cost can be significant. The grant helps offset the cost of the radio equipment and user fees, making the radios possible for local fire departments, regardless of size or budget. This year, the State Fire Marshal’s office received nearly \$9 million in requests for the \$3 million in available funding.

Priority funding went to departments applying 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 43 counties awarded are part of a regional effort to have each department on the county on the MARCS radio system, including: Brown, Champaign, Holmes, Medina, Richland, and Scioto.

“With these six additional county awards, the fire service in 61 counties throughout Ohio will now be operating on the MARCS or compatible systems,” said Hussey. “I encourage fire departments that did not receive funding this year to reapply next year.”

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

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**2020 MARCS Grant Recipients**

<b>County</b>	<b>Fire Department Name</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
<b>Adams</b>	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
<b>Ashland</b>	Jeromesville Vol. Fire Department	\$1,320.00
<b>Belmont</b>	Bethesda Fire Department	\$480.00
	Bridgeport Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00
	Brookside Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	Sunset Heights Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	Barton Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	Colerain Fire Department	\$360.00
	Lafferty Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	Flushing Vol. Fire Department	\$720.00
	Powhatan Point Vol. Fire Department	\$480.00
	<b>Brown</b>	Aberdeen Vol. Fire Department
Fayetteville Fire Department		\$49,954.68
Higginsport Vol. Fire & Ems		\$1,080.00
Mt. Orab Fire Department		\$1,440.00
Russellville Fire Department		\$49,954.68
Sardinia Fire Department		\$1,680.00
Hamersville Fire Department		\$49,954.68
Byrd Twp. Vol. Fire Department		\$32,791.00
<b>Champaign</b>	Mechanicsburg Fire Department	\$47,960.00
	Urbana Fire Division	\$49,989.30
	Adams Twp.-Rosewood Fire Department	\$48,133.52
	Christiansburg Fire Co	\$40,614.76
	Ne Champaign Co Fire District	\$49,956.88
	JSP Joint Fire District	\$50,000.00
<b>Coshocton</b>	FCV Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00

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<b>Crawford</b>	Three Rivers Fire District	\$960.00
	Walhonding Valley Fire District	\$960.00
	Bucyrus Fire Department	\$2,280.00
	Crestline Fire Department	\$2,160.00
	Galion Fire Department	\$3,120.00
	Tiro-Auburn Vol. Fire Department	\$3,000.00
	Dallas Twp. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Holmes Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$3,120.00
<b>Darke</b>	Liberty Twp. Fire Department	\$3,000.00
	Whetstone Twp. Fire Department	\$3,120.00
	Ansonia Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Arcanum Fire Department	\$1,320.00
	Greenville Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Hollansburg Fire Department	\$2,160.00
	Pitsburg Fire Department	\$2,880.00
	Rosensburg Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Versailles Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$2,040.00
	Gettysburg Rural Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	New Madison Fire Department	\$2,880.00
	North Star Community Fire Department	\$2,040.00
	Osgood Community Vol. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Greenville Twp. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
<b>Defiance</b>	Defiance Fire Department	\$1,800.00
	Hicksville Vol. Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Jewell Fire Department	\$2,160.00
	Sherwood Village Fire Department	\$2,640.00
	Farmer Fire Department	\$3,360.00
	Highland Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,800.00
	South Richland Twp. Fire Department	\$3,600.00
	Tiffin Twp. Fire Department	\$3,360.00
	Ney-Washington Twp. Fire Department	\$2,880.00
Delaware Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$2,760.00	

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<b>Fairfield</b>	Amanda Twp. Fire Department	\$3,360.00
	Pleasant Twp. Fire Department	\$1,800.00
	Thurston-Walnut Twp. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Bloom Twp. Fire Department	\$2,880.00
	Clearcreek Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,320.00
	Basil Joint Fire District	\$2,160.00
<b>Fayette</b>	Bpm Joint 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
<b>Guernsey</b>	Cambridge Fire Department	\$2,400.00
	Cumberland Vol. Fire Department	\$2,520.00
	Antrim Community Vol. Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Lore City Fire Department	\$1,800.00
	Pleasant City Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Quaker City Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Senecaville Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Liberty Community Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00
	Cassell Station Vol. Fire Department	\$2,160.00
<b>Hancock</b>	Blanchard Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$720.00
	Jenera Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00
	Allen Twp. Fire Department	\$120.00
	Liberty Twp. Fire Department	\$480.00
<b>Harrison</b>	Deersville Community Vol. Fire Department	\$1,560.00
	Freeport Community Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	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
<b>Highland</b>	Lynchburg Area Jt Fire & Ambulance	\$2,280.00
	Southern Highland Jt Fire District	\$2,880.00
<b>Hocking</b>	Logan Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Good Hope Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,320.00

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<b>Holmes</b>	Laurelville Fire Department	\$960.00
	Murray City Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	Starr Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Richland Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$22,564.74
	Killbuck Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Holmes Fire District #1	\$50,000.00
	East Holmes Fire & Ems	\$22,965.84
	Prairie Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$18,253.50
	Paint Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$49,946.70
<b>Knox</b>	West Holmes Co Fire District	\$50,000.00
	Monroe Township Fire Department	\$18,200.00
<b>Lawrence</b>	Fredericktown Community Fire District	\$1,320.00
	Decatur Vol. Fire Department Inc	\$960.00
<b>Licking</b>	Hanover Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	Madison Township Fire Department	\$44,000.00
	Mary Ann Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$2,280.00
	Newark Twp. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
	Newton Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,320.00
	National Trail Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	Buckeye Lake Village Fire Dept	\$720.00
	Licking Twp. Fire Company	\$1,680.00
	<b>Madison</b>	London Fire Department
Jefferson Twp. Fire Department		\$1,080.00
Range Twp. Fire Department		\$1,440.00
Stokes Twp. Fire Department		\$1,800.00
Central Twp. Fire Department		\$1,920.00
Tri-County Joint Fire District		\$1,680.00
<b>Medina</b>	Lodi Fire & Rescue	\$47,364.00
	Seville-Guilford Twp. Fire & Ems	\$49,659.40
	Spencer Community Fire District	\$48,346.02
	Valley City-Liverpool Twp. Fire Dept	\$49,593.66
	Erhart-York Twp. Fire Department	\$48,994.63
	Chatham Fire & Rescue	\$47,852.40

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<b>Meigs</b>	Lafayette Twp. Fire & Ems	\$48,435.00
	Litchfield Fire & Rescue	\$48,310.44
	Sharon Twp. Fire Department	\$47,898.53
	Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department	\$41,801.19
	Westfield Fire & Rescue	\$48,295.20
	Granger Twp. Fire Department	\$49,902.81
	Chester Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00
	Pomeroy Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	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
	Scipio Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$840.00
	Columbia Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$600.00
<b>Monroe</b>	Graysville Vol. Fire Department	\$720.00
	Woodsfield Vol. Fire Department	\$840.00
	Bethel Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$840.00
	Antioch & Community Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Clarington Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00
<b>Morgan</b>	Sardis Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	Stockport Vol. Fire Department	\$600.00
	Center Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$600.00
	Chesterhill Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00
<b>Morrow</b>	Malta-McConnelsville Vol. Fire Department	\$840.00
	Mt Gilead Fire Department	\$4,320.00
	Cardington Fire Department	\$4,200.00
	Big Walnut Joint Fire District	\$4,680.00
	Perry-Congress Fire District	\$4,200.00
<b>Muskingum</b>	Iberia Joint Fire Department	\$4,200.00
	Adamsville Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	Dresden Fire Department	\$1,560.00
	Frazeysburg Vol. Fire Department	\$2,040.00

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	Roseville Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	South Zanesville Fire Department	\$1,680.00
	Falls Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$480.00
	Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	Newton Twp. Division of Fire	\$2,160.00
	Perry Twp. Fire Department	\$43,040.00
	Wayne Twp.-Duncan Falls Fire Department	\$2,040.00
	New Concord Fire Department	\$2,160.00
	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,920.00
<b>Noble</b>	Caldwell Vol. Fire Department	\$960.00
	Belle Valley Vol. Fire & Rescue	\$960.00
<b>Paulding</b>	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
<b>Perry</b>	Shawnee Fire Department	\$240.00
	Monday Creek Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00
<b>Pike</b>	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
<b>Preble</b>	Camden-Somers Twp. Fire & Rescue	\$1,920.00
	Eldorado Fire Department	\$720.00
	Gratis Vol. Fire Department	\$720.00
	Lewisburg Fire Department	\$1,320.00

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Richland	Northwest Fire Department	\$2,640.00
	Verona Fire Department	\$1,080.00
	Plymouth Fire Department	\$28,500.00
	Shelby Fire Department	\$49,128.66
	Franklin Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Jefferson Twp. Bellville Fire Department	\$49,949.68
	Madison Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Mifflin Twp. Fire Department	\$49,870.85
	Monroe Twp.-Lucas Fire Department	\$46,281.00
	Springfield Twp. Fire Department	\$46,967.72
	Troy Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	Washington Twp. Fire Department	\$50,000.00
	C B & S Joint Fire District	\$50,000.00
	Worthington Twp. Fire Department	\$49,996.75
Ross	Concord Twp. Fire Department	\$2,520.00
	Huntington Twp. Fire Department	\$2,040.00
	Jefferson Twp. Fire & Rescue	\$2,160.00
	Union Twp. Fire Department	\$960.00
Scioto	Twin Twp. Vol. Fire & Life Squad	\$1,080.00
	Valley Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$30,000.00
	Minford Vol. Fire Department, Inc.	\$30,000.00
	New Boston Fire Department	\$28,047.50
	Portsmouth Fire Department	\$30,000.00
	Washington Twp. Fire Department	\$30,000.00
	Rubyville Vol. Fire Department	\$30,000.00
	Rosemount Vol. Fire Department	\$30,000.00
	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$30,000.00
	Morgan Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$15,010.00
	Porter Twp. Fire Department	\$30,000.00
	Rarden Vol. Fire Department	\$23,566.00
	Rush Twp. Fire & Rescue	\$30,000.00
Union Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$30,000.00	
Vernon Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$30,000.00	

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County	Fire Department Name	Grant Amount	
<b>Shelby</b>	Fort Loramie Community Fire Co. Inc	\$840.00	
	Port Jefferson Community Fire Co.	\$1,800.00	
	Russia Fire Department	\$1,560.00	
<b>Tuscarawas</b>	York Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$43,000.00	
<b>Van Wert</b>	Scott Vol. Fire Department	\$1,080.00	
<b>Vinton</b>	McArthur Fire Department	\$720.00	
	Zaleski Fire Department	\$720.00	
	Hamden Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00	
	Wilkesville Vol. Fire Department	\$2,160.00	
<b>Washington</b>	Little Hocking Fire Department	\$1,560.00	
	Marietta Fire Department	\$1,560.00	
	Oak Grove Vol. Fire & Rescue	\$1,200.00	
	Beverly Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00	
	Fearing Twp. Fire Department	\$480.00	
	L A Vol. Joint Fire District	\$840.00	
	Grandview Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$840.00	
	Salem Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00	
	Reno Vol. Fire Department	\$1,200.00	
	Warren Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$600.00	
	Wesley Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$720.00	
	Belpre Vol. Fire Department	\$240.00	
	<b>Wayne</b>	Apple Creek East Union Twp. Fire Department	\$2,280.00
		Canaan Twp. Fire Department	\$2,160.00
South Central Fire District		\$2,160.00	
Paint Twp. Fire Department		\$2,160.00	
Orrville Fire Department		\$2,280.00	
Central Fire District		\$2,280.00	
Clinton Twp. Fire Department		\$2,160.00	
New Pittsburg Fire Department		\$2,280.00	
Sterling Fire District		\$2,280.00	
Wooster Twp. Fire Department		\$2,280.00	
Chippewa Twp. Fire Department	\$2,280.00		
Town & Country Fire District	\$2,160.00		

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Wood	East Wayne Fire District	\$1,080.00
	Bloomdale Fire Department	\$840.00
	Bradner Fire Department	\$1,200.00
	Cygnets Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Grand Rapids Twp. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Hoytville Fire Department	\$1,440.00
	Milton Twp. Fire District	\$1,440.00
	North Baltimore Fire Department	\$960.00
	Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department	\$1,560.00
	Central Joint 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
	Middleton Twp. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
Troy Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$1,440.00	
Wyandot	Carey Fire Department	\$3,720.00
	Wyandot East Fire District	\$3,240.00
	Sycamore Vol. Fire & Rescue	\$3,360.00
	Upper Sandusky Fire Department	\$3,120.00
	Wharton-Richland Twp. Fire Department	\$1,440.00
Pitt Twp. Vol. Fire Department	\$2,280.00	

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