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City, County Equipped with New Radios

SPRINGFIELD, OH (March 4, 2019) — City and county employees are equipped with new radios, allowing service and safety forces to communicate with better clarity and for longer distances.

More than 400 new Motorola radios were purchased for law enforcement, fire and public works employees for emergency call-handling, command and control, and land mobile radio (LMR) communications, and put into service last month.

“The new devices perform exponentially better than the previous system,” said Paul Hicks, Emergency Services Manager, City of Springfield. “We are very pleased with the reliability and clarity of these systems.”

The previous radio system was installed in 2000. The new radios are wholly owned and maintained by the City and County, whereas the radio system is maintained by the State of Ohio. The new radios are wire-lined directly into the Ohio MARCS statewide ASTRO® 25 system.

“We are excited to have all Clark County agencies join the statewide MARCS system,” said Mike Combs, Clark County 9-1-1 coordinator. “Being on the same network is another step toward direct and efficient communication among first responders in our state.”

The systems include handheld radios for law enforcement, fire and service employees as well as updated hardware for 911 communications systems.