



DELAWARE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

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Delaware County 911 Board Meeting Minutes
Delaware County Emergency Management Agency- 10 Court Street-EOC
April 14, 2026 - 1:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chief Adam Moore, Trustee Jason Haney, 911 Director Lauren Yankanin, EMS Director Jeff Fishel, County Administrator Tracie Davies, Sheriff Jeffrey Balzer, Delaware City Manager Paul Brake, Fire Department Representatives Jimmy Reardon, Chris Kovach, and Marvin McIntire, Commissioner Gary Merrell, Powell Police Chief Ron Sallows, and Clerk Brandy Wilson.

Meeting started at 1:01 p.m.

Approval of February 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Director Fishel and seconded by Chief Sallows to approve the February 10, 2026, meeting minutes. A voice vote was called. All voted Aye.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Director's Report

National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

Fiber move at Prime Site – Preliminary work is in progress. We won't have any service interruptions; NRECC will go into site trunking.

Wind damage at Radnor – Two of the grounding straps on the shelter were blown off. An incident report was filed with the county, and we have Tri-County Tower set to come make repairs.

Renovations – Office areas are currently undergoing a refresh and will receive updated lighting, paint, and flooring. I am working to get a response from our console vendor regarding the reconfiguration of the consoles in the room before any renovation plans for the center itself can proceed.

AXS Radio Consoles Project – This project was slated for 2028. Since our last meeting, I was approached by our Motorola account manager, who advised that Motorola was running a promotion on the consoles. Our budgetary quote for this project during levy planning was \$1.79 million. With the promotion and state term contract pricing, we are at \$775,886. I worked with the finance director regarding the feasibility of moving this project up. He advised that we have available funds to use for this project. This went before the commissioners for their approval at session yesterday.

Virtual Prime Project – We continue to work with Motorola on the virtual prime project. All equipment was shipped and received by our vendor, B&C. We are scheduled to do a cutover on June 24. This will result in a radio system outage between 5 and 30 minutes. We have reserved MARCS radio channels for use during

the cutover.

Tyler – Tyler has been struggling to upgrade the training side of our CAD system for about three weeks. They ran into a number of issues and are currently stuck on a certificate issue that they are working on internally. We are still scheduled for a production side upgrade on May 5. Conversations regarding cloud

versus on-premise continue. IT has some questions they would like to ask Tyler, and we are currently working on coordinating schedules to make that happen.

Staffing – We had two supervisor candidates slated to start last week, and one backed out. One did start, Cody Debevoise, who came to us from Licking County. He is currently in classroom training with Jeanette for the next two weeks. He will then train with Hunter and Karla. We have two dispatchers slated to start on May 11. We received the resignation of one dispatcher last week. She is leaving to pursue a position in social work, which is where her career goals ultimately lie.

Committee Reports

- a. Administration – Nothing to report.
- b. Standards Protocol– Nothing to report.
- c. Technology– Nothing to report.

Open Business

a. OLSD Safety Director Radio (*Below is the recommendation from Sheriff Balzer*)

After having met with administrators from the Olentangy Local School District (OLSD) and my command staff, I recommend the 911 Board consider allowing access (as noted below) to the Delaware County 800 Radio System for a portable radio owned by OLSD and issued to Ronald Vogel, Director of Safety, Security, and Preparedness, for the following channel(s).

- **Delaware County 800 Radio System – SO DISP 2** – This would ensure these school security employees have access to hear and respond to any “MARCS In-Schools” emergency banner activation, within their district. This would also provide for direct emergency communication with SROs and our Communications Section in emergency scenarios.
- **MARCS Talk Group** – There may need to be some consideration to allow for access to a MARCS talk group (i.e., SO-21, SCOMM, ECOMM, MCOMM) in the event of a Delaware County 800 System failure. Talk group selection should be made in coordination with the 911 Board and Director Yankanin / Chris Waldo, to ensure compliance with any local requirements or Ohio regulations.

The board discussed and agreed that if any other district employs a former career law enforcement officer carrying a weapon in this type of role, that individual can have access to the radio system. It was further discussed that the chief of police in the respective school district decides which radio channels the individual has access to.

There was a motion made by Sheriff Balzer and seconded by Mr. Merrell to approve the above proposal in accordance with Sheriff Balzer’s recommendations. A voice vote was called. All voted Aye.

b. MARCS in Schools Radios (*Below is the recommendation from Sheriff Balzer*)

Meetings have been held regarding the requests from two of our school districts to enhance the ability of their MARCS-in-Schools radios to provide additional information during an emergency. Specifically, the Big Walnut and Buckeye Valley school districts are interested in having a desktop microphone added to their current MARCS-in-School radio setup to allow school employees to activate-the orange emergency button. Additional radio programming would be needed to allow for an “open microphone” activation when the large orange button is pushed on the radio. If it is safe to do so, school staff can then verbally provide additional information related to the event. Because it is critical that all school employees take precautionary actions during an emergency such as an active aggressor scenario, we recommend the microphone only be

“open” for transmission briefly following the activation of the emergency button, to allow school employee(s) to provide critical information to aid first responders.

Below are our recommendations:

- Attach a desktop microphone that will only be “open” for transmission for up to 30 seconds following the activation of the emergency button
- MARCS-in-School radio transmissions stay on the DELSCHOOLS channel to avoid congestion on the channel utilized by SROs
- School districts would be responsible for purchase of the desk microphones and any required charges/fees
- SRO’s assigned to Big Walnut and Buckeye Valley train school staff in the operation of the radio and the orange emergency button and coordinate recurring radio tests by school staff with the DCSO Communications Center and/or DELCOMM.

There was a motion made by Sheriff Balzer and seconded by Chief Sallows to approve the above proposal in accordance with Sheriff Balzer’s recommendations. A voice vote was called. All voted Aye.

New Business

Trustee Jason Haney spoke with Representative Brian Lorenz regarding concerns with Keith’s Law and system communications through LEADS. Mr. Lorenz was going to go back and see how he can modify the process.

Adjourning into Executive Session (if necessary)

There was no need to meet for Executive Session.

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Not items for discussion.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.