



**SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY JUNE 15, 2015**

COMMITTEE MEETING:

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7232 E. MAIN ST, REYNOLDBURG, OH 43068**

President: DOUG JOSEPH

Ward Members: Ward I - Scott A. Barrett
Ward II - Leslie Kelly
Ward III - Cornelius McGrady III
Ward IV - Mel Clemens

At Large Members: Barth R. Cotner
Chris Long
Dan Skinner, Esq.

COMMITTEES:

Community Development: Chmn Kelly, McGrady, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Barrett, Skinner
Safety: Chmn Long, Skinner, Clemens, Kelly, Cotner, Barrett, McGrady
Service: Chmn Clemens, Barrett, Kelly, Cotner, Long, McGrady, Skinner
Finance: Chmn Cotner, Long, Clemens, Kelly, Barrett, McGrady, Skinner

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*April Beggerow
Clerk of Council*

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Safety Committee – Committee Meeting – May 18, 2015
4. Discussion
 - a. Approval to Enter into Inter-Agency Agreement with Whitehall Police Department Regarding Merging SWAT Teams.

SAFETY COMMITTEE MONDAY MAY 18, 2015

COMMITTEE MEETING:

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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1. Call to Order

PRESENT: Kelly, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Joseph

ABSENT: McGrady III, Skinner

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda stands approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Safety Committee – Committee Meeting – April 6, 2015

Minutes stand approved.

4. Discussion

a. Ordinance Authorizing the Reynoldsburg Division of Police to Apply for and Accept the Fy2014 Le Shsgp Grant to Support the Marcs Repeater Project; and Declaring an Emergency.

Lt. Wright: Thank you President Joseph, Councilmembers. As you know we put in last year MARCS radios to go into the multi-agency radio communication system. When I originally tested that MARCS radio system, all I had access to was analog MARCS radio systems. The state is now converting to a P-25 digital system, that's what they call it. Now that we have our own MARCS we are on the P-25. So we started the testing process before implementing the MARCS into the city, we discovered there are multiple holes along the southern border which is attributed to the fact that Fairfield County is not yet on MARCS and there is no future resolution as whether they're going to go to MARCS or not. I spoke to a couple of the firefighting organizations, Truro Township, Violet Township, on how they resolve their problem of their firefighters not being able to speak in buildings and our high schools, especially the newer buildings we have trouble communicating inside there as well. They installed mobile repeaters in all of their command vehicles, so when the command vehicle shows up on scene, the firefighters cannot communicate prior to the command vehicle getting there, they switch to a repeater channel, the repeater boosts their communication to their dispatcher and their Mech center. Taking the same idea, if we installed the repeaters into each one of our cruisers, every time one of our officers responded to a scene, they'd have that boost and that would pretty much cover, without testing every single nook and cranny of the

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city, we know that the officer is going to be safe and be able to serve the public and communicate with our other officers and dispatcher if they need to. I did reach out to county and explained this problem to them because we were promised we would have complete coverage in our city according to their map that showed complete coverage and county has agreed to give me \$30,000 a Homeland Security grant that does not require any kind of upfront money by us and does not require matching funds. They directly pay the vendor. So I provided them with a quote, I have not applied for the grant yet, I'm asking Council if we could first apply for the grant and then purchase 15 pyramid vehicular repeaters from REM Communications.

Mr. Long: Any questions for our Lieutenant? I've got one for our sitting City Attorney? With only 4 members present, can I send this on to Council with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency, or do I just send it on for the first reading and we add emergency language then?

Mr. Roth: I think send it on, and then add the emergency language when we have enough members.

Mr. Joseph: That's the way we've done it in the past.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/1/2015 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Chris Long, At Large	
SECONDER:	Leslie Kelly, Ward II	
AYES:	Kelly, Clemens, Cotner, Long	
ABSENT:	McGrady III, Skinner	

Police Department**James O'Neill****7240 E. Main Street****Reynoldsburg OHIO 43068****614-322-6947 Phone****ORDINANCE REQUEST**

DATE: June 15, 2015**TO: Safety Committee****RE: Inter-Agency Agreement with Whitehall Police Department**

Please see the attached memorandum of agreement between the City of Reynoldsburg Police Department and the City of Whitehall Police Department in regards to the approval of merging SWAT teams.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG

AND

THE CITY OF WHITEHALL

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Reynoldsburg and the City of Whitehall, to provide for their citizens more efficient police services in emergency situations during those actual or potential conditions that pose an immediate threat to life or property and exceed the capability of the agencies to counteract successfully; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Reynoldsburg and the City of Whitehall to merge tactical teams in the areas of training, services, and tactical operations (immediate and planned as needed) by the interchange and use of tactical personnel and tactical equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Reynoldsburg and the City of Whitehall have the power to enter into contracts for the purpose of providing police services in other jurisdictions under Ohio Revised Code Section 737.04, Charter Provision 2.04, and in accordance with City of Reynoldsburg and City of Whitehall Charters,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it agreed by the parties hereto, each consideration of the mutual promises and obligations herein by the other;

SECTION 1: It is agreed the current Franklin County Wide Mutual Aid Compact, which includes an agreement between the City of Reynoldsburg and the City of Whitehall, currently binds this agreement and the provisions under that compact serve as the base of this agreement. All provisions under the Franklin County Wide Mutual Aid Compact apply in this agreement.

SECTION 2: It is agreed both the Reynoldsburg and Whitehall Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Teams will merge into one functional tactical team, referred to now as the SWAT Team, falling under one set of standard operating procedures (SOP) for personnel assignment, training, operations, tactics, and equipment; drafted and agreed upon by the respective tactical team leaders and team commanders from each agency. The SOP can be edited and updated as needed without amending this agreement as long as both tactical team commanders approve. The Chiefs of each jurisdiction are the final approving authority for the SOP. Each agency agrees to incorporate the approved SOP's into the participating agency's SOP.

SECTION 3: It is agreed each agency will provide a minimum of ten (10) tactical operators to function on the team plus one member designated as the team commander for a total of eleven (11) officers from each jurisdiction. It is the intent of both agencies to make every effort to maintain this set number of tactical operators within the limits of funding and staffing. When deploying the SWAT Team, the team commander of one jurisdiction has the discretion to deploy tactical operators with or without the team commander or a team leader of the other jurisdiction being present.

SECTION 4: To maintain the processes set forth by each agency's respective collective bargaining agreements, it is agreed that each agency will be responsible for all internal investigations, disciplinary

investigations, and discipline issuance to their own respective officers if needed or warranted. Nothing in this agreement shall alter the terms of the Municipalities' existing collective bargaining agreements.

SECTION 5: It is agreed that the respective team leaders from each agency will exercise operational command and control of the SWAT Team for mission purposes during operations initiated by their agency.

SECTION 6: As an exception to the current Mutual Aid Compact, it is agreed both agencies will not unreasonably deny requests to activate the SWAT Team by the other jurisdiction. This agreement ensures the SWAT Team will function as a single unit when activated.

SECTION 7: It is further agreed that this agreement shall be in effect between both agencies on and after the date of execution by such parties for a period of three (3) years and shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of three (3) years, except any party may withdraw by giving notice of its intentions to withdraw by official notification to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Reynoldsburg and the City of Whitehall have accepted this agreement hereunto duly authorized by Ohio Revised Code section 737.04, Charter Provision 2.04, and in accordance with City of Reynoldsburg and City of Whitehall Charters,.

CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG

CITY OF WHITEHALL

Mayor Brad McCloud Date

Mayor Kim Maggard Date

Chief of Police Jim O'Neill Date

Chief of Police Richard Zitzke Date