



**SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY MAY 18, 2015**

COMMITTEE MEETING:

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

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

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	