

**MARION AREA MULTI AGENCY EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
[METCOM]
RESOLUTION 2018-01**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP
WITH MARION COUNTY FOR SHARING A PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.**

WHEREAS, the Agency has done their due diligence in reviewing multiple radio systems; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has a radio system in place that effectively serves the greater Marion County Area; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Sheriff's Office effectively communicates on a VHF Simulcast communication radio system; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Fire District #1 effectively communicates on a VHF Simulcast communications radio system for their tap out channel; and

WHEREAS, the capability exists to expand the Marion County VHF Simulcast Radio System to include additional sites and channels within the Marion County coverage area; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Marion County System would improve the service delivery of communications on the public safety radio system; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is willing to partner and collaborate with METCOM to upgrade and expand the Marion County radio system; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between Marion County and METCOM would be consistent with the communication plan set forth by the funds granted through State Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, the improvement in the communication delivery is an improvement in the public safety services to the citizens served by the public safety agencies that are in contract with METCOM; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Marion County and METCOM to build a communication plan infrastructure for all users who interoperate with public safety in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, the importance to avoid duplication of equipment and services while serving the communities of Marion County is financially responsible; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized to establish a partnership with Marion County to collaborate and explore opportunities with sharing radio communication infrastructure to support the goal of a single countywide shared communication system;

Dated this 4th day of April 2018

APPROVED [Signature]
Rodney Yoder, Board Chair
ACTING BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:
AYES: 17 NAYS: 0

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Gina Audritsh, Executive Director