

Lexington Division of Police Office of the Chief

TO:

Mayor Jim Gray

Urban County Council

FROM:

Chief Ronnie Bastin

Division of Police

DATE:

January 13, 2014

RE:

Memorandum of Understanding - United States Marshals Service

Please find attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Marshals Service (USMS), Eastern District of Kentucky (E/KY).

The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) in the Eastern District of Kentucky (E/KY) has fielded a dual-band radio capable. The USMS E/KY is respectfully requesting access to radio talk groups assigned to the Lexington Division of Police on the radio system and access to system key as well as the AES Key to enable two-way communications between our agencies. This would enhance our officer's safety and provide an interoperability capability with Lexington Police that may not be possible after the 800 MHz trunked radio system is fielded.

The USMS primary enforcement mission is in the apprehension of fugitives as well as in the investigation and prosecution of sex offenders. The use of the system will greatly assist the USMS in these efforts daily. The USMS works daily side-by-side with Lexington Police Officers. Usage of the radio system will include the ability to program the talk groups/frequencies used by the Lexington Police (law enforcement partners on our Fugitive Task Force) within the Lexington Police purview would promote officer safety in metro areas and further help to protect the public and maintain the highest level of officer safety.

This is being forwarded for Mayor and Council approval.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact my office.

Ronnie Bastin Chief of Police

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cc: Clay Mason, Commissioner of Public Safety