

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this, the 2nd day of May 2019, by and between the **Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government**, an urban county government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky pursuant to KRS Chapter 67A, with offices at 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, (hereinafter referred to as "LFUCG") and the **Madison County EMS**, a local emergency services agency with offices located at 556 S. Keeneland Dr., Richmond, KY 40475 .

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement are committed to delivery of the highest possible level of fire, law enforcement, medical emergency and related services; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement believe that interoperability – the ability for public safety agencies and communications centers to seamlessly communicate with each other – is a critical component of state-of-the-art public safety radio communications and computer aided dispatching systems; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement are committed to participating in the use and support of such state-of-the-art public safety radio communications that:

- Provide for efficient and effective support of the delivery of public safety services to people who need help;
- Provide the greatest support possible for firefighters, paramedics, law enforcement officers and others for whom reliable, interoperable communications systems can mean the difference between life and death;
- Provide for the collection and provision of data needed to monitor the continuing effectiveness of radio communications systems to assure that the standards of such systems are met;
- Provide for establishment of benchmarks against which proposals for changes and improvements in the radio communications system operations can be measured, changed; and

WHEREAS, the LFUCG has purchased and provided for installation of a state-of-the-art interoperable public safety radio communications system based upon the 800 megahertz P25 trunked radio system (hereinafter referred to as the "Radio System") that is capable of supporting trunked radio services and capable

of being expanded in a manner consistent with current public safety communications technical standards; and

WHEREAS, Madison County EMS wishes to use and access on a limited basis the radio system within Fayette County, and to establish or improve its ability to interoperate with other jurisdictions, public safety and government officers, ,

WHEREAS, Madison County EMS is respectfully requesting access to radio talk groups assigned to the Lexington Division of Fire & Emergency Services (hereinafter referred to as "LFD") on the Radio System to enable two-way communications between Madison County EMS, and certain Lexington area hospital emergency rooms with radio capability, and such other talk groups that may be approved in the future, thereby enhancing public safety during an emergency and provide an interoperability capability with Lexington's Public Safety Divisions that may not be possible otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings and agreements hereinafter set forth, LFUCG and MADISON COUNTY EMS agree as follows:

1. **TERMS:**

- a) LFUCG agrees to allow MADISON COUNTY EMS access to the Radio System through assigned Subscriber Unit Identification Numbers and access keys to support first responder safety through interoperability, primarily pertaining to access to LFD talk groups used by ambulances to speak with emergency room personnel.
- b) LFUCG may, at its discretion, allow media to monitor dispatch talk groups; though LFUCG has no intention of granting media access to hospital talk groups.
- c) MADISON COUNTY EMS agrees to access the Radio System through the push to talk (PTT) feature. MADISON COUNTY EMS agrees to maintain a low frequency and use the Radio System for periodic use. MADISON COUNTY EMS agrees that if their agency chooses to use the Radio System for day-to-day internal operations, then LFUCG reserves the right to amend this Agreement and establish a cost-sharing plan including a subscriber usage fee. Madison County EMS agrees not to release programming for hospital talk groups or encryption keys to any person or other entity without the express written permission of the Division of Enhanced 911 and that doing so may result in immediate severance of this agreement and Madison County EMS is responsible for the cost of Lexington's

reprogramming expenses, if any, related to the unauthorized release of Lexington radio programming or encryption keys.

- d) MADISON COUNTY EMS agrees that the permitted users of the Radio System shall be within their agency. MADISON COUNTY EMS agrees that any expansion of use beyond its agency, must be approved by LFUCG and such expansion may incur a fee.
- e) MADISON COUNTY EMS agrees that their agency will not utilize a telephone interconnect capability on subscribers while on a LFUCG talk group.

2. **NOTICES.**

Any notice, report, or demand which must be given or made by a party hereto under the terms of this Agreement shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

LFUCG
Lexington-Fayette Urban
County Government
200 East Main Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
ATTN: Commissioner of Public Safety

MADISON COUNTY EMS
556 S. Keeneland Dr.
Richmond, KY 40475
ATTN: Carlos Coyle, Director

Routine questions and correspondence (e.g., additional subscribers, talk group permissions, etc.) related to this agreement shall be directed to the Division of Enhanced 911.

3. **COMPLETE AGREEMENT, AMENDMENTS.**

It is understood and agreed that the entire MOU between the parties is contained herein and that this MOU supersedes all oral arguments, previous written agreements, and negotiations between the LFUCG and MADISON COUNTY EMS.

Any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of the provisions of this MOU shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing as an amendment to this Agreement and signed by the parties hereto.

4. **FORCE MAJEUR, WARRANTIES, INDEMNIFICATION.**

LFUCG shall not be responsible for interruptions in system service due to the forces of nature, war, manmade disasters or other such acts beyond the control of the LFUCG.

LFUCG makes no warranties, express or implied, including without limitation, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose to MADISON COUNTY EMS in connection with its use of service. MADISON COUNTY EMS acknowledges that service disruptions will occur from time to time due to, but not limited to, acts of god, mechanical malfunction, fire, theft or other unforeseen perils and agrees to hold the LFUCG harmless for all such disruptions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed as of the day first written above.

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

By: *Linda Gorton*
LINDA GORTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Shirley Deputy
CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

MADISON COUNTY EMS

By: *Carlos B. Coyle*
Carlos Coyle, Director

MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

ROBERT STACK
DIRECTOR
ENHANCED 911

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Council Members

Robert Stack

FROM: Robert Stack, Director
Lexington Enhanced 911

DATE: April 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Agreement with Madison County EMS

Request:

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Madison County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) for the purpose of accessing this city's 800 MHz Radio System for radio communication between ambulances transporting patients and Lexington hospitals.

Why are you requesting?

This agreement allows Madison County EMS to program existing Lexington Fire Department radio hospital talk groups that allow communication between ambulances and emergency rooms. E911 will coordinate with Madison County EMS so that agency can program its own radios. Madison County EMS will use its county's radio system for routine radio traffic and will access Lexington's radio system on a limited basis. This agreement complies with CAO Policy 55 – Use of Government Radio System.

What are the costs in this budget year and future budget years? No cost.

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

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cc: Ken Armstrong, Commissioner of Public Safety



