THE YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE RADIO SYSTEM
CAPABILITIES OF YSU RADIO SYSTEM PRIOR TO JULY 2017

• YSU Police Officers were able to communicate via Handheld radios with Parking, Grounds and Facilities.

• Each Police vehicle was equipped with two mobile radios mounted inside the vehicle. One radio was to talk on the YSU Radio System, the other radio enabled the officer to communicate other public safety departments in Mahoning County.
JULY 2017 TRANSITION OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS RADIO SYSTEMS

In July of 2017, the Youngstown Police, The Mahoning County Sherriff’s Office, and several other Police and Fire Departments transitioned over to the Austintown Boardman Mahoning County Joint Radio District.
CAPABILITIES LOST AFTER JULY 2017

• The Mobile radio mounted inside each Police vehicle which enabled communication with the other public safety departments are no longer usable. Officers can no longer hear radio traffic from other departments.

• Additionally, The radio in the YSU Police Dispatch which monitored the other departments was no longer usable.
INTERIM MEASURES

• The YSU Police Department purchased 3 Mobile radios that were installed in three YSU Police vehicles. These radios were purchased from the existing Police budget last fiscal year for $9,000.00.

• YSU Police Dispatch is also using a portable radio on loan from the Youngstown Police Department to supplement the loss in radio coverage.
RISKS TO CAMPUS

• There is substantial risk to the campus community as well as YSU Police Officers if those officers are not aware of criminal activity happening in areas adjacent to campus.

• Officers may be unaware of a potential dangerous situation occurring just one street over because of the lack of communication.

• In the event of a major emergency, YSU Police would be unable to communicate with other Departments arriving to assist in that emergency.
PROPOSAL

What we Propose is to transition the radio system that is currently operated by the Youngstown State University Police Department to the new radio system that is operated by the Austintown Boardman Mahoning County Joint Radio District.
YSU would be responsible for the purchase of all equipment that would interface with the radio district’s infrastructure to include portable radios, vehicle radios, and dispatch center radios. All infrastructure for the new radio system such as radio towers and channel controllers would be maintained by the Joint Radio District.
PROPOSAL COST

The cost of equipment for the new system

$383,372.25

(Quote current as of 4/12/2018)
BENEFITS OF THE NEW SYSTEM

• The YSU Police Department would be able to mitigate and prevent threats to students, faculty, staff, and visitors, in most cases before they can reach campus.

• The YSU Police Department would be able to instantaneously call upon other public safety resources in the event of an emergency on campus and better serve the safety needs of campus.
Additionally by transitioning to a countywide communications system YSU would follow what other four year state universities in Ohio have already done. From a marketing standpoint we are able to show that Youngstown State University is investing in the current technology of public safety interoperability.
QUESTIONS?
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