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	<p>Iowa 911 Communications Council Meeting Thursday, February 11th, 2021 9:00 – 10:15 AM Virtual Meeting via Internet/Phone</p>
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rob Rotter at 9:00 A.M. and a quorum was determined from the roll call.

Roll Call

	Representative	Attendance
Iowa Association of Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO) Secretary	Cara Sorrells	Present
alternate	Angie Dobyns	
Iowa Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA)	Tracey Bearden	Present
alternate	Kirk Hundertmark	Present
Iowa Geographic Information Council	Lawrence Hartpence	Present
alternate	vacant	
Iowa State Sheriffs & Deputies Association (ISSDA)	Robert Rotter	Present
alternate	Dean Kruger	
Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPO)	George Griffith	Present
alternate	vacant	
Iowa Professional Firefighters (IAPFF)	Mike S. Bryant	Present
alternate	Doug Neys	
Iowa Firefighters Association (IFA)	Mark Murphy	Present
alternate	Tom Berger	Present
Iowa Emergency Managers Association (IEMA)	Jeff Anderson	Present
alternate	Mindy Benson	
Iowa Department of Public Safety (IDPS)	Robert Johannesen	Present
alternate	Ken Roberts	
Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association (IEMSA)	Rob Dehnert	Present
alternate	Paul Andorf	
Iowa Telephone Association <15,000	Jack DeAngelo	Present
alternate	Pat Snyder	
Iowa Telephone Association >15,000	Taylor Teepell	Absent
alternate	Wayne Johnson	
Cellular Providers	Steve Zimmer	Absent
alternate	Bill Tortoriello	
PCS Providers	Joe Sargent	Absent
alternate	vacant	
Auditor of the State, Ex-Officio member	John McCormally	Absent
Staff:		
Blake DeRouchey, 911 Program Manager		Present

Guests also present by teleconference:

Chris Maiers, ISICSB SWIC
Allie Bright, 911 Program Planner
Diane Sefrit, SCI 911
Doug McCasland, Warren County 911
Mark Van Hooser, Buena Vista County 911
Tammy Rodriguez, ICN
Paul Trewin
Stacen Gross, Geo-Comm
Cherese Sexe, Humboldt County 911
Cody Brink, Zetron
Mike Hardy
Paige Baetsle, Iowa County 911
Jim Lundsted, CISA
Ollie Galam, NGA 911
Jeremy Cremeans, Tama County 911/EMA
Kathy Herrick, Floyd County 911
Mike Lauer, ICN
Jamey Robinson, Mahaska Co 911/EMA
Paul Guest, Zetron
Terry Brennan, RACOM
Cheryl Eklofe, Mahaska County SO
Jason Davis
Haley Nichols, ILEA
Trisha Quijano, IUB

Brad Button, Des Moines PD
Bill Burnett, Comtech
Mindy Benson, Tama County EMA
Todd Malone, SECC
Ryan Mulhall, ISICS
Marcia Slycord, Pella PD
Lynzey Kenworthy, IUB
Michelle Conklin, SECC
John Drury, Lumen
Jon Osborne, Lumen
Jim Griffith, Red Cross
Darin Riney, Westcom
Curtis Pion, Polk County SO
Brian Flynn, Motorola
David Donovan, SECC
Stephen Rodriguez, ICN
Hollie Davidson, ISICSB
Brenda Vande Voorde, Fayette County 911
Mandy Bieber, Linn County SO
Greg Brooks
Rick Young
Thomas Holladay, RACOM
Ben Flickinger, Atty. General's Office
Bobbie Wells, Sac County 911

Introductions

Chair Rob Rotter welcomed everyone. A roll call was conducted by Secretary Cara Sorrells of the board members in attendance. A quorum was established, and the meeting continued.

Approve the Agenda

Chair Rob Rotter asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by Mark Murphy to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jeff Anderson. All ayes. Passed.

Approve the Minutes

Chair Rob Rotter asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion by Tracey Bearden to approve the minutes. Seconded by Rob Dehnert to approve the minutes of January 14th, 2021. All ayes. Passed.

State of Iowa Administrator Reports (Blake DeRouchey & Allie Bright)

Program Manager Report

- Program Financials
- Strategic Plan Update
- T Mobile Location Based Routing pilot
- Comtech Contract
- Wireline Migration

- 73 PSAP Migrations complete by end of day
- Direct Trunks into PSAPs
 - 10 PSAPs impacted



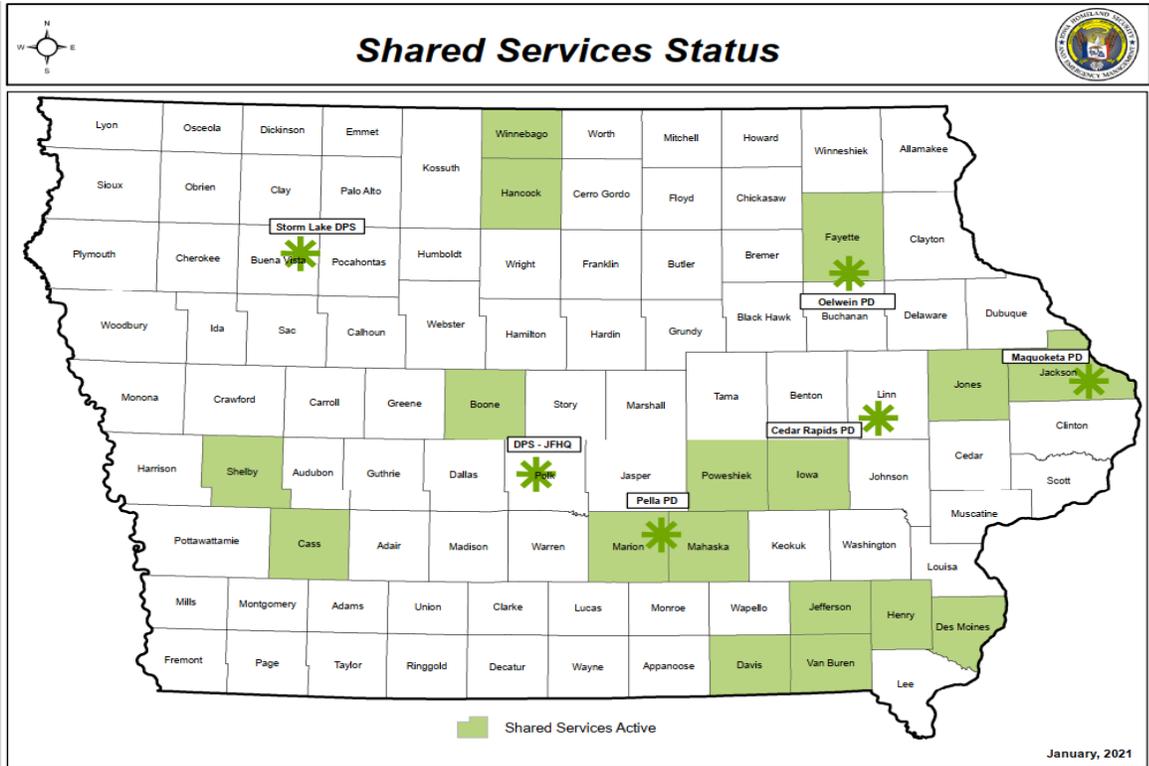
State of Iowa ALI Deployment
(02/04/2021)



State of Iowa Project Update(s)

Zetron/Shared Services – Paul Guest, Zetron

- **Boone Co MAX CT live January 20, 2021.**
- **Dual Backhaul Retrofits:**
 - **Completed:** Cedar Rapids DPS, Cass Co, Shelby Co, Fayette Co, Pella PD, Mahaska Co, Iowa Co, Poweshiek Co, Oelwein PD, Hancock Co, Winnebago Co
 - **Scheduled for Feb:** Davis Co, Van Buren Co, Storm Lake DPS, Maquoketa PD, Jones Co, Jefferson Co, Henry Co
 - **All live Iowa Shared Services will have Dual Backhaul by Feb 24.**
- **Comtech ALI and Wireline Services Migrations:**
 - Oelwein PD, Cass Co complete.
 - Scheduled for Feb: Jefferson Co
 - Remaining Iowa Shared Services PSAP to migrate is Pella PD on April 1.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2021 has kicked off in high gear with a very full schedule of work. We continue to support the wireline network migration and retrofitting dual backhaul, as well as onboarding new Public Safety Answering Points on the shared services network. We are equally focused on improving customer service and providing additional resources for helping to manage the impact of the pandemic. We would love to hear your feedback via our PSAP Survey, accessible [here](#). We encourage everyone to let us know your feedback and the opportunity to understand how we are doing. It takes less than 5 minutes and you are welcome to submit survey feedback more than once.

Be well, be safe, be kind.

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Outstanding forms

Expenditure Collection Form

Clinton, Fremont, Howard, Warren

Service Board Membership

Carroll, Fremont, Warren

2021 GIS Information

Benchmarks 2021

Upload within 6 month period

98% GIS

98% ALI to Road Center Line

Possible Benchmarks 2022

Upload within 6 month period

98% GIS

98% ALI to Road Center Line

0 Critical errors

- FY2021: \$774,000
- January: 32 Counties
 - \$198,000

Current Travel/Public Ed/Training Fund

- **100,000 Annually (FY2021)**
- Expended: \$0.00
- Approved: \$29,075
- Remaining : \$70,925

Program Manager Report

- FCC NPRM – 911 Fee Diversion (Notice of Proposed Rule Making)
 - FCC Defines allowable uses
 - Provides path for 911 authority to appeal for reconsideration
 - Disallows diversionary states from serving on FCC or FirstNet communications committees
- Mahaska Co 28E Ruling
- Legislative Update
 - SSB1128 & HF483 (HSB 137) – Utilities Board clean up language (LEC/CLEC Definitions)

- SF249 HF407– Cost Recovery for 911

Blake reported that a couple weeks ago they were made aware of a court case that had been percolating in Mahaska County for a number of years. It speaks to 28E agreements and who is allowed to enter into them. It involves 911 service boards and emergency management commissions as well. Attorney General representative Ben Flickinger summarized that ruling and their perspective on that decision. He advised it was a very interesting ruling from the judge. In summary, there are two ways that 911 boards can be created. There is the standard way laid out by statute and then the statute also allows for boards to be created alternatively by a 28E agreement. 28E agreements are generally just general power sharing agreements between government agencies and either other government agencies or private entities. In Mahaska County they went with this alternative route so their 911 board is created by a 28E agreement. They wanted to set up a joint communications services agreement with their emergency management commission in the county. The county Board of Supervisors disagreed with that or didn't like how they were doing it and that is kind of how the whole case started years ago. Fast forward to today, and the judge basically said under 28E the entities that can enter into a 28E are very specifically set out in statute and this joint 911 service board that was itself a 28E entity did not have the power to do that. They did not have the power to enter into another one with the emergency management commission. It is one case in one county so it is limited to Mahaska County at this point.

There are some issues that could potentially have a broader impact, but to the extent that most boards just use the traditional route, it is still somewhat limited in its effect. If it is something that Homeland Security and the 911 boards around the state want to look at and potentially get around this judge's ruling, there are options available that they are looking into. There are always legislative fixes if we want to go that route and there are probably other ways around it if you want to avoid that. That is where Mahaska is at this point and he was unsure if they are planning to appeal it or not. There was a question about if boards created under a 28E agreement can be changed to be a Chapter 34A board and the answer was yes they can. It is always a possibility and it would depend on the 28E agreement. The members of the board could switch back to the traditional 34A route. They would have to follow the process of ending the 28E board and creating one under 34A. Blake did look through the by-laws on record from the counties and the vast overwhelming majority list 34A as their organizing authority. He counted about four that primarily list 28E as their organization and another four or five that list everything. They list 34A, 28E and 29C and Blake was not sure where that really falls. The ruling doesn't apply to most counties, but is definitely something to look into on a county level with your individual county attorneys.

Blake then mentioned SSB1128 & HF483 (HSB137) which is an Iowa Utilities Board bill to clean up language which does touch 34A. 34A references LEC/CLEC and it cross-references it with a section of code that IUB got rid of a couple years ago. This really just puts that definition back into 34A. There is no issues from their perspective on that. The definitions do need to be in there and it is really just going back to the old language. Lynzey Kenworthy with the IUB had nothing to add and it is pretty much a cut and dry clean up language bill as Blake described. Those bills do a couple of other things but primarily for 911 that is takeaway, it is just a small portion of the overall bill.

Lastly, there is a bill out there to eliminate cost recovery of telephone companies as it relates to 911. SF249 was introduced by Senator Elder and HF407 which was introduced by Representative Fisher. They have been asked to do fiscal notes for those which they have submitted to the Legislative Services Agency. Their take on the bill is it basically tries to do away with the costs that telcos can charge both on the wireline and wireless side. Blake didn't believe that either chamber had scheduled a subcommittee meeting on it yet. In the Senate there has been a subcommittee assigned, but he has yet to see an actual meeting get scheduled yet.

New website: <https://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/programs/911-program/>

Training Funds Request

None.

Technical Advisory

None.

SWIC Chris Maiers gave the following update

- Update on our TA Requests from CISA/ICTAP. Several have been approved:
 - Iowa FOG development – paper and electronic application, paperwork has been through legal
 - COML – Survey is out for if the course would be workable for potential attendees. That survey is available through the end of February.
 - State-sponsored COMT with IA NG likely set for week of April 5th. There will likely be additional announcements on that soon.
- The East STR Deployment in Atkins, IA sounds like it is winding down. The West STR deployment in Clinton is still on-going.
- PSAP Training –
 - Several locations have been discussed for in-person sessions. It looks like the in-person sessions will have to be pushed back to accommodate COVID restrictions and other associated workloads. We will be exploring a virtual option to help get training out to agencies sooner as opposed to later.
 - Still offering one-on-one PSAP training for the interoperability talkgroups and StatusBoard, and we have been able to do this virtually. Let me know if you want a session. We have completed several the last month or so and have more lined up.
 - There is no cost to the agency for this training.
- ISICS applications approved last month:
 - Emmett County SO – Level 2
 - Marshall County EMA – Level 2
- ISICS application up for approval today:
 - MEDIC EMS (Davenport) – Level 2
- Additional work on Standards and updated policies continues. Standard 4.2.0 – Agency Maintenance is up for approval today. That is an update. Policies for adoption and use of the 700 MHz air to ground channels and an LTE deployable policy will be viewed today by the ISICSB along with Standard 1.5.2. It is possible they may go out for additional public comment.
- StatusBoard Update.
 - Aside from maintenance on DPS servers that was pushed out to users for notification, there are no known issues with StatusBoard for the month.
 - We continue to on-board new users.
 - Sign up if you have not yet done so.
- New FirstNet sites over the past month:
 - Three small cell nodes in Des Moines Metro

- Our FirstNet/AT&T representative will be transitioning to a new individual. David Barnett accepted a position with FirstNet/AT&T in Tennessee which is closer to his family.

Jim Lundsted Update

Jim Lundsted stated he had no report today but mentioned that CISA is increasing its effort to make entities aware of the threats of ransomware. They are holding a first of a series of webinars that afternoon 1 – 2 PM on the topic. Their website has a lot of resources on this and it continues to be one of the most significant threats to public safety and critical infrastructure entities in the United States. If anyone is interested in that he does share that information regularly with the 911 Program Manager and the SWIC. He would be happy to share if anyone is interested.

34A Update

None.

Baseline Knowledge for 911 Communications

None.

Legislative Issues

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Travel Requests

None.

Business from the Floor / 911 Issues at the PSAPs

None.

Next meeting date will be March 11th, 2021 at 9:00 AM tentatively if in person at the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Board Room 1551 East Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway Des Moines.

Chair Rotter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Tracey Bearden. Seconded by Rob Dehnert.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

Cara Sorrells, Secretary