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IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL — JULY 2019

Meeting. The Iowa 911 Communications Council met on July 11, 2019, at the West Des Moines City Hall.

911 Program Financial Reports and Program Update. Blake DeRouchey, 911 Program Manager, provided the Council with the following updates on the 911 Program and its current financial standing.

Quarterly Report. Total wireless surcharge revenue for the fourth quarter of 2019 will be calculated and available at the end of July and will be presented at the August 2019 meeting. End-of-the-year payments will be passed through to the 113 existing Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) boards when the fiscal year closes. At this time, it is estimated that each PSAP board will receive approximately \$39,000 in end-of-the-year payments.

GIS Grants Update. In June 2019, four counties received Geographic Information System (GIS) grants totaling \$24,000. Year-to-date funding for FY 2019 totals approximately \$1.14 million.

The GIS grant process will change slightly in FY 2020. Application upload periods will remain the same, but to receive funding, counties will need to verify 98.0% match rates with GIS and 95.0% match rates with Automatic Location Identifier (ALI). In FY 2019, counties were required to verify 98.0% match rates with GIS, 50.0% match rates with ALI, and 50.0% match rates with the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG). The MSAG match requirement has been removed from the FY 2020 benchmark process. Additionally, counties will be able to upload grant applications through a new and updated Statewide Next Generation 911 GIS platform.

National 911 Office Peer Assessment Program. Mr. DeRouchey also shared that the State of Iowa is currently taking part in the National 911 Office's Peer Assessment Program. The nationwide program consists of a self-evaluation based on 98 different criteria points to provide feedback on the diverse aspects of the 911 system. Iowa has submitted its self-evaluation, and assessors from the National 911 Program will be on site in the second week of September for their assessment of the State's program. A public assessor's report will be Thursday, September 12, 2019.

911 Council Travel, Public Education, and Training Fund. Mr. DeRouchey shared that as of June 2019, approximately \$93,000 has been expended from the 911 Council Travel, Public Education, and Training Fund. Approximately \$100,000 is allocated toward the Fund annually. For FY 2019, 24 courses were offered and completed, over 1,000 individuals were trained, and 14 entities received grant funding. Approximately \$7,000 remains in the Fund for FY 2019, and as of the July meeting, approximately \$27,000 in funding requests have been made for FY 2020.

Statewide Interoperable Communications System (SWIC) Board Update. Chris Maiers, SWIC Coordinator, provided an update on the Board's activities, stating that the Board is continuing to work with counties across the State to update existing PSAP equipment to improve emergency communication technology. The Board is also working to adjust internal platforms to more closely align with the most recent National Emergency Communication Plan update.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, August 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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