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### IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — AUGUST 2019

**Meeting.** The Iowa 911 Communications Council met on August 8, 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.** With the close of the fourth quarter of FY 2019, total end-of-year pass-through amounts were calculated at approximately \$3.6 million. Pass-through revenue to each of the 113 existing public safety answering points (PSAPs) of approximately \$32,000 per PSAP entity will be distributed.

**GIS Grants Update.** In July 2019, eight counties received Geographic Information System (GIS) grants totaling \$48,000. Funding is contingent on verification that the applicant possesses 98.0% match rates with GIS and 95.0% match rates with Automatic Location Identifier (ALI). The FY 2020 GIS grant process is slightly different from the FY 2019 grant process, as 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. Application upload periods will remain the same, and counties are now able to upload 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 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 Office 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 in July 2019, the Council did not receive any funding requests from the 911 Council Travel, Public Education, and Training Fund. Approximately \$100,000 is allocated toward the Fund annually. Approximately \$27,000 in funding requests have already been made for FY 2020, with the Fund balance currently remaining at \$73,000.

**Zetron Mission Critical Communications Solutions Contract Update.** Cody Brink, area sales manager, provided the Council with an update on Zetron's work in updating the 113 existing PSAPs in delivering the Next-Generation 911 (NG 911) solution to enhance public safety services across the State. The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management awarded Zetron with an NG 911 contract in December 2017. There are currently 38 PSAPs that have signed letters of intent to work with Zetron, with an additional 14 orders to do so pending. Zetron provides a call-taking system that provides computer-aided drafting (CAD), 911 mapping, and emergency medical dispatch software in implementing NG 911 protocols and systems.

**Next Meeting.** The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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