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IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL — SEPTEMBER 2019

Meeting. The Iowa 911 Communications Council met on September 12, 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.

GIS Grants Update. In August 2019, 19 counties received Geographic Information System (GIS) grants totaling \$120,000. 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). Year-to-date for FY 2020, 27 counties have received GIS funding for a total of \$168,000. With respect to most recent data, FY 2020 funding is currently outpacing FY 2019 funding for GIS grants.

911 Council Travel, Public Education, and Training Fund. Mr. DeRouchey shared that in August 2019, the Council did not distribute any funding dollars 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 \$74,000. At the September 2019 meeting, Hancock County requested a total of \$18,000 for an upcoming training on emergency dispatch management. The Council approved the request.

Zetron Mission Critical Communications Solutions Contract Update. Cody Brink, Zetron area sales manager, provided the Council with an update on Zetron's work in updating the 113 existing Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in delivering the Next Generation 911 (NG911) solution to enhance public safety services across the State. The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management awarded Zetron with an NG911 contract in December 2017. Zetron provides a call-taking system that offers computer-aided drafting (CAD), 911 mapping, and emergency medical dispatch software in implementing NG911 protocols and systems. In August 2019, both Hancock and Winnebago counties deployed the Zetron communications platform. Davis County and Fayette County are expected to deploy on September 11, 2019, and September 25, 2019, respectively. An additional five new county deployments are expected for the months of October, November, and December 2019.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, October 10, at 9:00 a.m. at the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Board Room, 1551, E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway in Des Moines.

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