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IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — MAY 2022

Meeting. The 911 Communications Council met on May 12, 2022, at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel. A recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

911 Program Financial Report and Program Update. Blake DeRouchev, 911 Program Manager and State Administrator at the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), provided the Council with the following updates on the 911 Program and its current financial standing:

Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Payments. According to Iowa Code section [34A.7A\(5\)\(c\)](#), a PSAP that does not submit expense and cost data to the 911 Program Manager by March 31 of each year will have 35.0% of its designated PSAP payments from the 911 surcharge withheld. If the expense and cost data is submitted before March 30 of the following year, then all withheld funds will be provided to the PSAP. If the expense and cost data is not submitted before March 30 of the following year, then the withheld funds revert to the Carryover Operating Surplus Fund. Warren County did not submit expense and cost data for the previous billing cycle. As a result, approximately \$18,000 has been withheld from the Warren County PSAP since March 31, 2022.

Legislative Update. A workgroup will be convened to discuss the implementation of [HF 2436](#) (Public Safety Answering Point Report Act) and to create a new form to collect expense and cost data from PSAPs.

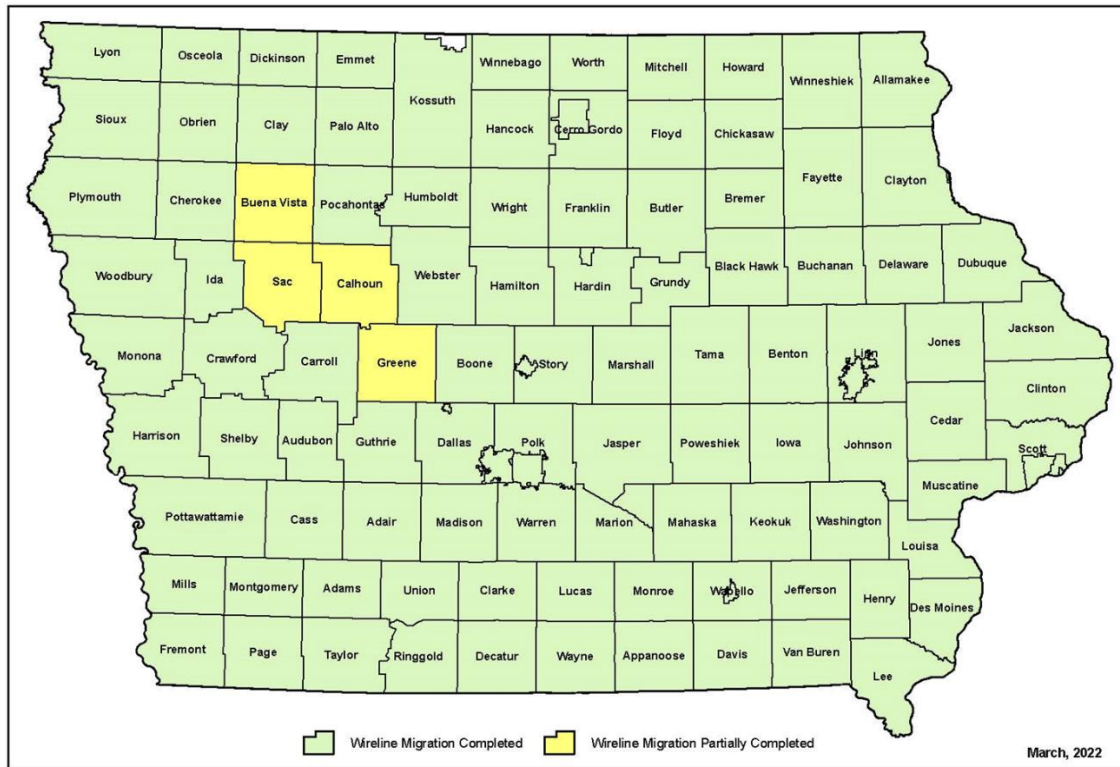
Geographic Information System (GIS) Grants. In the second funding period of FY 2022 (January through June), 88 counties have received GIS funding for a total of \$576,000. In April 2022, four counties were granted \$36,000. Funding is contingent on verification that the applicant possesses 98.0% match rates with GIS and 95.0% match rates with the Automatic Location Identification (ALI) system.

Travel, Public Education, and Training Fund. The Council receives \$100,000 annually from the 911 Wireless Surcharge Fund to cover travel costs for the Council and to assist with public education and training costs for PSAPs. As of May 12, 2022, approximately \$52,000 remains to be expended in FY 2022. There have been no funding requests since the previous meeting on April 12, 2022.

Wireline Migration Update. As of May 12, 2022, 108 Iowa PSAPs have successfully completed the wireline migration process, while the remaining four PSAPs are partially connected. The wireline migration process merges the existing wireline 911 network with the Next Generation 911 (NG911) network to produce a single system. The merging process was implemented by 2018 Iowa Acts, [HF 2254](#) (911 Emergency Telephone Act), which required elimination of the wireline network and the creation of a shared service environment that the HSEMD would operate and maintain, with the benefit of automatic call rerouting in the case of an outage or maintenance. Specifically, the Act required the HSEMD to establish a virtual consolidation plan that would merge the legacy wireline 911 network with the NG911 network to allow Iowa PSAPs to share emergency communication services.

Figure 1 provides the most recent update on the ALI system deployment in the State of Iowa. The ALI system automatically relays a caller's address when a call is made to an emergency responder service. The relay to the statewide ALI system occurs at the same time as the wireline migration.

Figure 1 — State of Iowa ALI Deployment and Wireline Migration (by County)

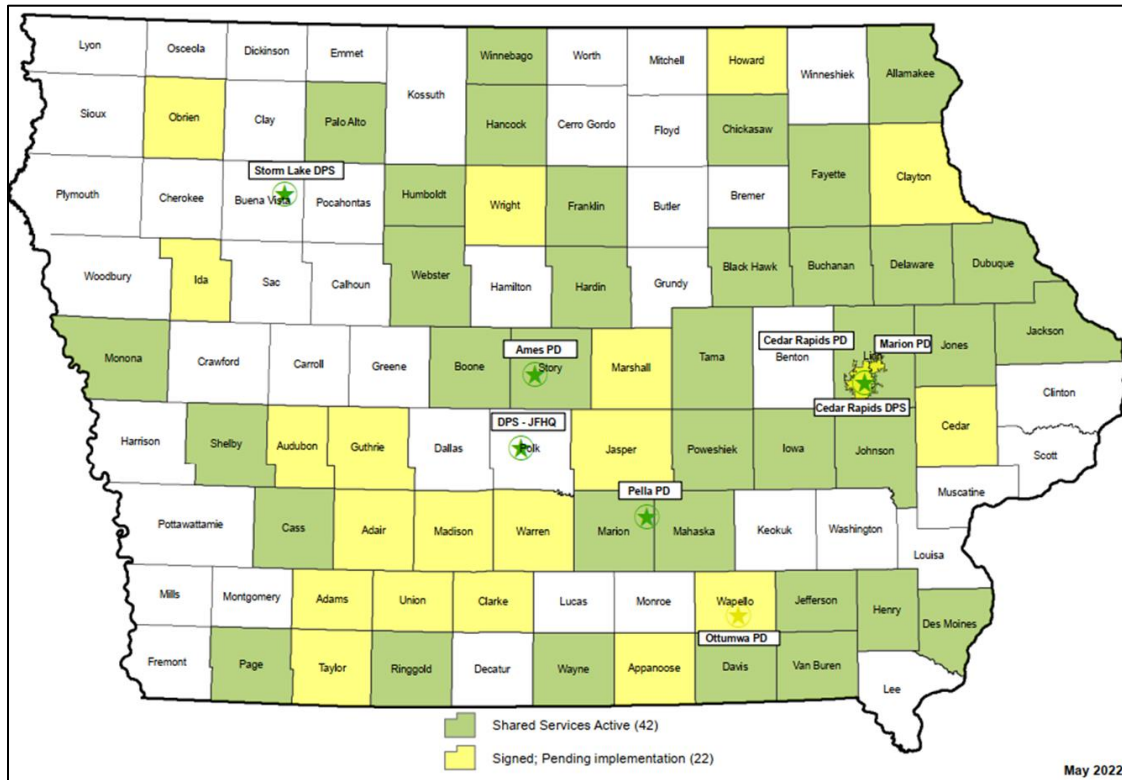


Source: HSEMD

Shared Services Update. Lynne Warren, Zetron Project Manager, discussed Zetron’s work in updating the 112 existing PSAPs in delivering the NG911 solution. Shared services have been fully implemented in 42 PSAPs, and 22 PSAPs are in the implementation process. The HSEMD awarded Zetron an NG911 contract in December 2017 for shared 911 call-handling equipment. Zetron also provides a call-taking system that offers computer-aided design (CAD), 911 mapping, and emergency medical dispatch software in implementing NG911 protocols and systems. Chickasaw County began using the shared services system on April 27, 2022. Howard County is scheduled to start using the shared services system on May 18, 2022; Ida County is scheduled to start on May 19, 2022; Audubon County is scheduled to start on May 25, 2022; and the Marion Police Department is scheduled to start on June 8, 2022.

Figure 2 displays the current number of active shared service locations in the State by county.

Figure 2 — Current Active Shared Service Locations (by County)



Source: Zetron

Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board Update. Chris Maiers, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), reported on several items:

- StatusBoard will be updated on May 26, 2022.
- One emergency support trailer is currently deployed to Clinton County.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on June 9, 2022. The location of the meeting remains to be determined.

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