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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — JANUARY 2024

**Meeting.** The 911 Communications Council met virtually on January 11, 2024. A recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

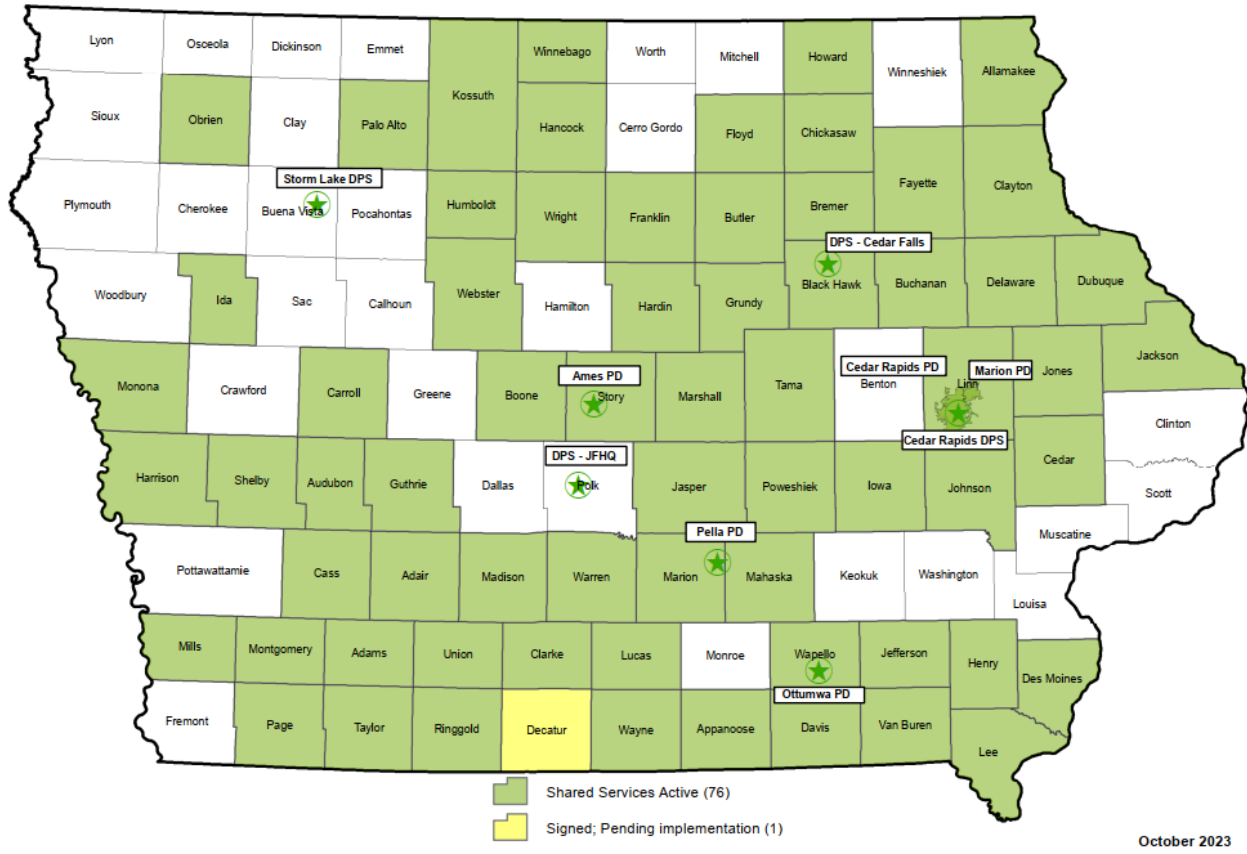
**911 Program Financial Report and Program Update.** Blake DeRouchev, 911 Program Manager and State Administrator at the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), provided the Council with the following updates:

- Two bills were noted for the Council to take note of for the upcoming 2024 Legislative Session. These included:
  - [House File 522/Senate File 3030](#) (Public Safety Telecommunicators Bill). This bill was proposed by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.
  - [House File 545/Senate File 3026](#) (Enhanced Penalties for Perpetrators of Swatting Incidents Bill). This bill was proposed by the Department of Public Safety.
- The following Federal Communications Commission (FCC) meeting information was provided for the month of January.
  - Location-based routing for cellular providers on wireless calls and Real-Time Text (RTT).
  - Network Outage Reporting System (NORS)/Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) required reporting.
- There are currently outstanding expenditure collection and service board membership forms. These include:
  - Expenditure Collection (13): Benton, Butler, Cherokee, Clay, Clinton, Des Moines, Dickinson, Emmet, Fremont, Grundy, Howard, Mitchell, and Tama counties.
  - Service Board Membership (12): Benton, Butler, Clay, Emmet, Fremont, Grundy, Hardin, Howard, Mitchell, Scott, Van Buren, and Warren counties.
- **Geographic Information System (GIS) grants:** In FY 2024 Q2, counties received a total of \$321,000 in GIS grant funding. Funding is contingent on verification that the applicant possesses 98.0% match rates with GIS and 98.0% match rates with the Automatic Location Identification (ALI) system. In December 2023, all counties met the benchmarks. Data is updated/uploaded monthly.
- **Training fund requests:** 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 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). One training application was approved, which included approximately \$4,500 for The Healthy Dispatcher's Back to Basics training course for Van Buren County. As of January 2024, there is approximately \$48,000 remaining in the Fund. After approval of the Marshall County application, there will be approximately \$44,000 remaining in the Fund.

**Shared Services Update.** The HSEMD awarded Zetron next generation 911 (NG911) contracts in December 2017 and July 2022 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. Decatur County will become an active shared services location on February 28, 2024.

Figure 1 displays the current number of active shared services locations in the State by county.

Figure 1 — Current Active Shared Services Locations (by County)



Source: HSEMD

October 2023

**Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board Update.** Haley Nichols, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), reported on several items.

**Emergency Communications Coordinator Report.** Chris Maiers, Emergency Communications Coordinator of the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), reported on the following items:

- Emergency communications and extreme weather.
- Personal security for critical infrastructure workers.
- Regional news.

**Next Meeting.** The next Council meeting will be held on February 8, 2024, at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel.

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