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IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — FEBRUARY 2024

Meeting. The 911 Communications Council met on February 8, 2023, at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel. A recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

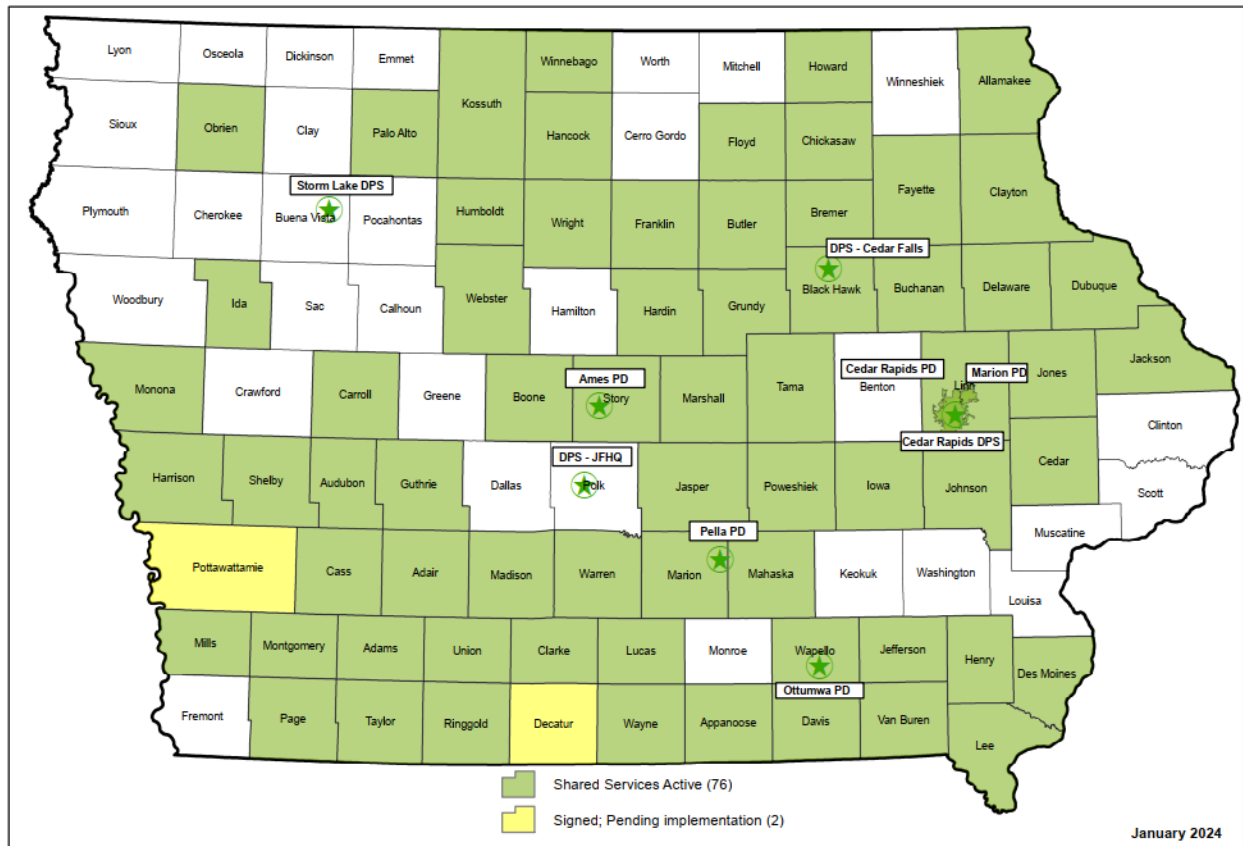
911 Program Financial Report and Program Update. Blake DeRouchey, 911 Program Manager and State Administrator at the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), provided the Council with the following updates:

- The FY 2024 Quarter 2 Expenditure Report can be accessed [here](#) and is available on the HSEMD website.
- The Cedar Falls Department of Public Safety is now 24/7 and is considered a primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), which brings the total number of PSAPs in Iowa to 111.
- The HSEMD is finalizing the FY 21/22 Biennial PSAP Expenditure Report and Audit, which is due to the Legislature on March 1.
- There are currently outstanding expenditure collection and service board membership forms. These include:
 - Expenditure Collection (seven) – Benton, Butler, Clay, Fremont, Grundy, Mitchell, Union
 - Service Board Membership (nine) – Benton, Butler, Clay, Fremont, Grundy, Hardin, Mitchell, Scott, Warren
- The HSEMD has added additional SWATting (false report of an ongoing emergency or threat of violence) resources on its Google Shared Site.
- The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Cyber Assessments are on its Google Shared Site.
- **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 February 2024, all counties met the benchmarks.
- **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 PSAPs. Two training applications were approved, which included approximately \$4,000 for the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Spring Conference and \$10,800 for the Polk County and Westcom How to Save a Life training. As of January 2024, there is approximately \$44,000 remaining in the Fund. After approval of the two applications, there will be approximately \$29,000 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. Pottawattamie County has become an active shared services location for call taking. 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)



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

Emergency Communications Coordinator Report. Chris Maier, Emergency Communications Coordinator of the federal CISA, reported on a Threat Guide for Schools & Authorities, which can be accessed on the CISA website [here](#).

Baseline Knowledge for 911 Communications Professionals Committee Update. John Benson, Director, reported on several items.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting has not been scheduled but may be held on March 14, 2024.

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