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IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — AUGUST 2024

Meeting. The 911 Communications Council met on August 8, 2024, at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel. A recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

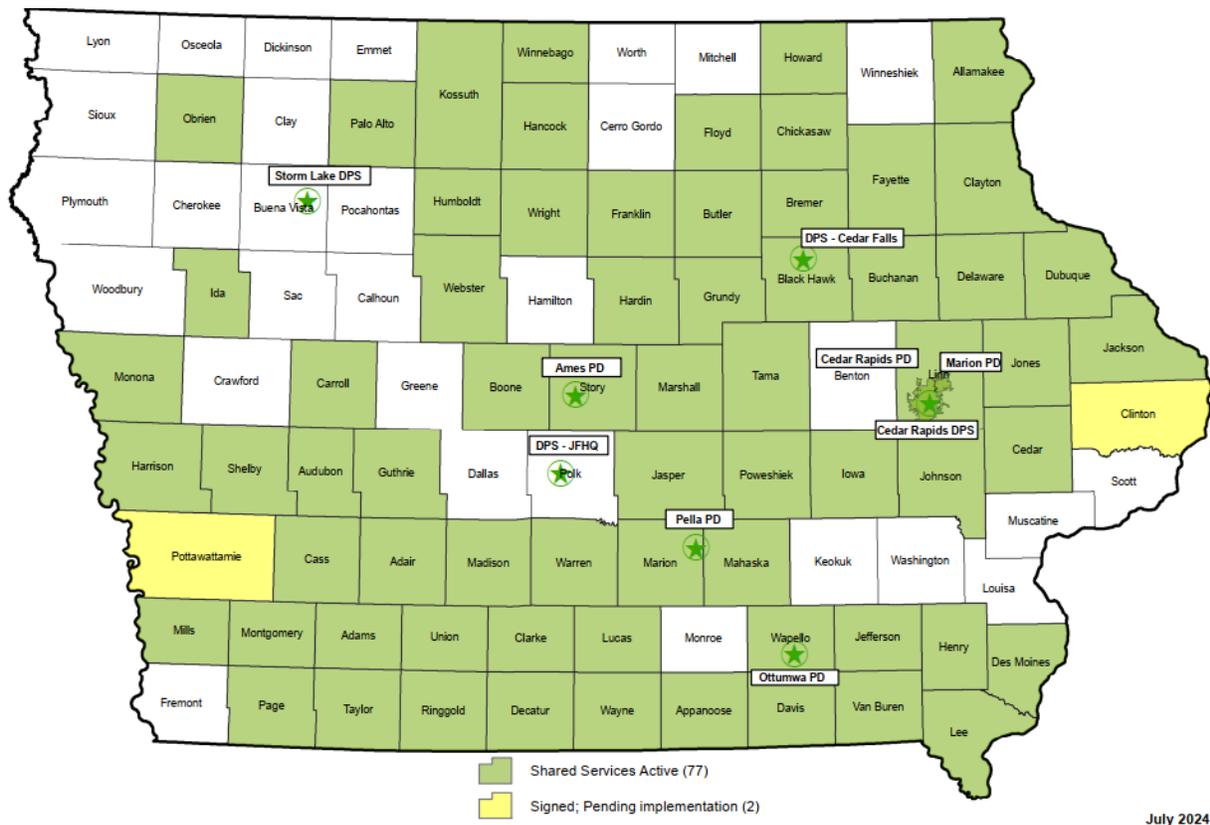
911 Program Financial Report and Program Update. Blake DeRouchey, 911 Program Manager and State Administrator at the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), provided the Council with the following updates:

- Quarterly payments and end-of-year financials were discussed. The latest quarterly public safety answering point (PSAP) payment report is available [here](#) and the latest quarterly 911 expenditure report is available [here](#).
- The funding workgroup intends to review 911 emergency telephone systems funding (under Iowa Code chapter [34A](#)) for consideration during the 2025 legislative session within the next month so that it may be discussed at the next council meeting.
- The disaster recovery vehicle has now been deployed twice in two months. It was deployed for a half day to Madison County. The disaster recovery vehicle remains available for all PSAPs who might need it in a disaster or in a planned event.
- **Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Draft Report and Order:** The FCC Report and Order (Facilitating Implementation of Next Generation 911 Services) passed unanimously.
- A 988 Emergency Medical Dispatcher protocol was discussed. More information will be provided in the future.
- **Geographic Information System (GIS) grants:** In FY 2024, counties received a total of \$1.3 million 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 July, all counties met 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. For FY 2025, \$100,000 is available for training requests. One training application was approved, which included approximately \$9,600 for Polk County Emergency Medical Dispatch. As of August 2024, there is approximately \$100,000 remaining in the Fund. After approval of the application, there will be approximately \$90,000 remaining in the Fund.

Shared Services Update: The HSEMD awarded Zetron 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 dispatch (CAD), 911 mapping, and emergency medical dispatch software in implementing NG911 protocols and systems. A shared service location in Pottawattamie County is going live in September.

Figure 1 displays the current active shared services locations in the state by county.

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



July 2024

Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board Update. Haley Nichols, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), reported on several items related to talk and push-to-talk (PTT) groups, the 2024 Central States Communications Exercise, a tri-state communications exercise, and the Iowa State Fair.

Emergency Communications Coordinator Report. Chris Maiers, Emergency Communications Coordinator of the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), reported on several items including CISA entity notifications, cybersecurity services, CISA products, school safety month, the software assurance guide, Connected Communities Risk postcard series, and regional news.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on September 12, 2024, at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel.

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