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IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — FEBRUARY 2025

Meeting. The 911 Communications Council met on February 13, 2025, at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel. A recording of the meeting is available on the [Iowa 911 Communications Council channel](#) on YouTube.

Election of Officers. Chair Robert Rotter called for the nomination of Officers. The chair remains Robert Rotter, the vice chair is Rob Dehnert, and the secretary is Cara Sorrells.

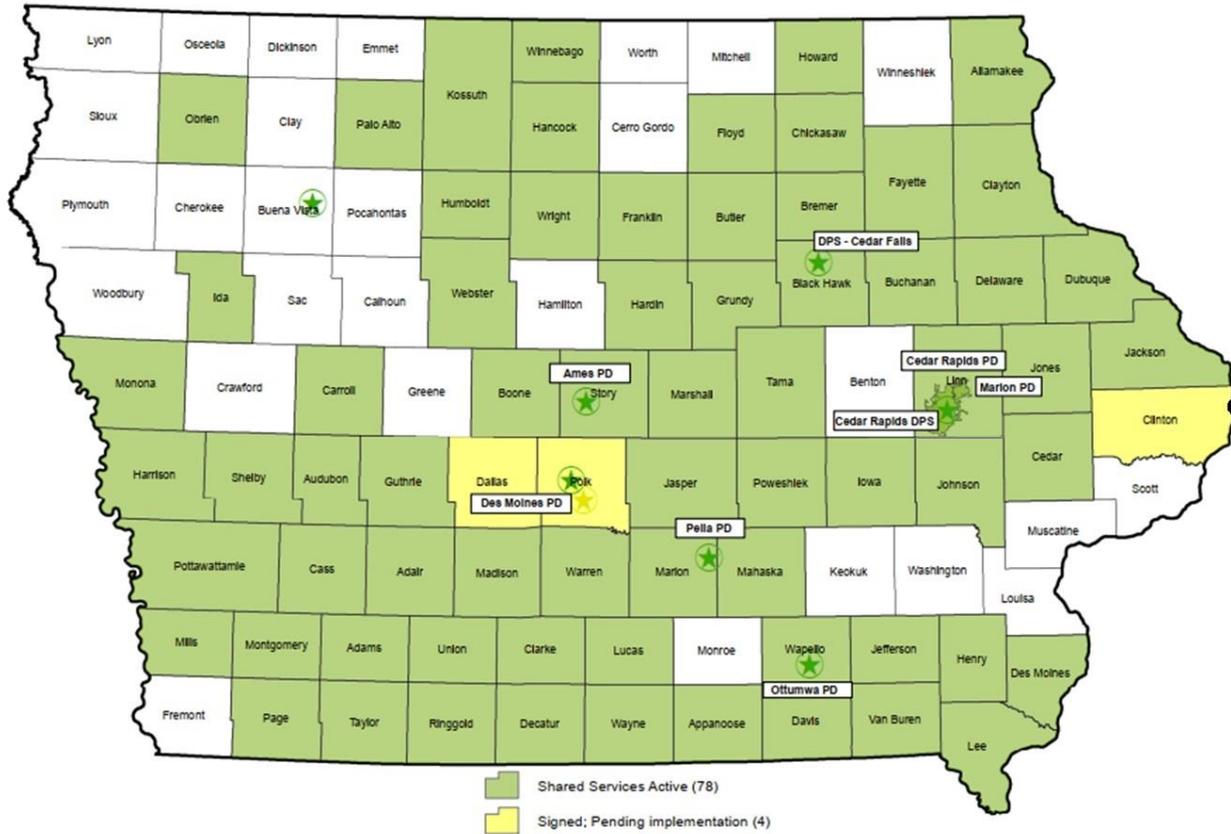
911 Program Financial Report and Program Update. Blake DeRouchey, 911 Program Manager and State Administrator of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), provided the Council with the following updates:

- The FY 2025 Quarter 2 expenditure report, covering the months of October through December, was presented. In Quarter 2 of FY 2025, approximately \$5.2 million passed through to local public safety answering points (PSAPs). Approximately \$291,000 was transferred to the operating surplus.
- A legislative update was given for proposed legislation to address the 911 next generation transition and program funding as well as a modification to voting membership on county 911 service boards.
- The Iowa 911 Telecommunicator Week campaign was presented by Allie Bright, public information officer with the HSEMD, who requested that Public Safety Telecommunicators and PSAP volunteers from across the State be recognized during the campaign.
- Annual point-of-contact, expenditure data collection, and service board membership forms were due January 1, 2025. There are 10 counties that still owe their service board membership forms, and 6 counties that owe their expenditure data collection forms. If the expenditure data collection forms are not received, 911 surcharge funding will be withheld for these counties in Quarter 3.
- **Geographic Information System (GIS) Grants:** 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 January, 98 counties met these benchmarks, and the next quarterly payment is expected in April.
- **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 \$10,000 to Muscatine County for a public education call simulator, and approximately \$9,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for an Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Communications Training Officer (CTO) course. As of January 2025, there is approximately \$60,000 remaining in the Fund. After payments for these applications, there will be approximately \$42,000 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 dispatch (CAD), 911 mapping, and emergency medical dispatch software in implementing NG911 protocols and systems. The virtual learning management system is available free to all PSAPs, and there is not a requirement to be on Iowa Shared Services. Dallas County has signed up for shared services and will implement services in the next few months (indicated in yellow on the Iowa map in **Figure 1**).

Figure 1 displays the current 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, the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), reported on the Council Bluffs Communication Unit Leader (COML) course April 1-4, 2025, the weeklong Communications Technician (COMT) course in Cedar Rapids with dates to be determined, and the Senate subcommittee meeting Wednesday, February 12, on proposed legislation to make changes to the duties of the Board.

Emergency Communications Coordinator Report. Chris Maiers, Emergency Communications Coordinator of the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), reported on an [advisory](#) regarding potential for compromised critical infrastructure, guidance on the [protection of network edge devices](#), artificial intelligence (AI) [cybersecurity collaboration](#), secure by demand [considerations for operational technology \(OT\)](#), the [Active Assailant Emergency Action Plan \(EAP\)](#) for a potential threat, [technical assistance resources and coursework](#), and communication trainings open to regional participants.

Information Sharing by Council Members. Cara Sorrells spoke about the 2025 Iowa APCO/National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Spring Conference and APCO day to be held April 28 and 29, 2025, at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn. Chris Jasper stated the APCO/NENA legislative day is on February 25, 2025, at the State Capitol building.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on March 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel.

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