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IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — APRIL 2026

Meeting. The 911 Communications Council met on April 9, 2026, 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](#).

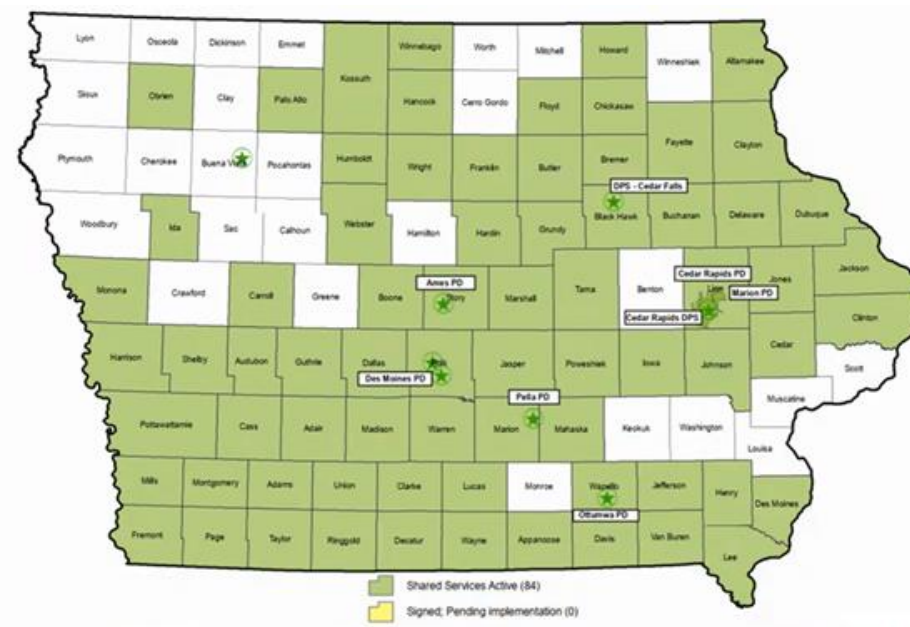
911 Program Financial Report and Program Update. Blake DeRouchev, 911 Program Manager and State Administrator of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), provided the Council with the following updates:

- Two counties have outstanding second quarter invoices for FY 2026 surcharge revenue payments owed for the network updates. The second quarter invoices were due by February 28, 2026. If not received by the counties prior to the third quarter, these amounts will be withheld from the subsequent surcharge payment.
- Mr. DeRouchev discussed [Senate File 2458](#) (previously [Senate Study Bill 3008](#)).
- Annual Point of Contact, Expenditure Data Collection, and Service Board membership forms have all been received.
- Bill Burnett, a Program Manager from Comtech/Allerium, spoke about the progress of the West Des Moines data center move to the data center in Raleigh, North Carolina. June 30, 2026, is the last day the West Des Moines center may be in operation. Once this move is complete, the move from the Davenport data center to Council Bluffs will take priority.
- Mr. DeRouchev gave an update on the Next Generation (NG) 911 network transition, replacing locations that use traditional selective routers with a system based on Internet Protocol (IP) to transfer Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) communications.
- Children's activity books are still available, and interested organizations may contact Mr. DeRouchev for this resource.
- **Geographic Information System (GIS) Grants:** Funding for GIS grants 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 March, all 99 counties met these benchmarks with third quarter grant payments totaling \$321,000.
- **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 Service Answering Points (PSAPs). Approximately \$3,800 for the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and \$5,000 for the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) was requested for delivery of five separate training sessions at the spring conference on April 20 and 21, 2026. Approximately \$11,000 remains 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. Zetron is hosting a shared services user group conference on April 22, 2026, in conjunction with the spring APCO and NENA conference. The virtual learning management system is available for free to all PSAPs, and there is no requirement to be on Iowa shared services. There has been no change in the 84 shared services locations since the last Council meeting.

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, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), reported on several issues during the meeting:

- Ms. Nichols is working on a new informational document on the use of encryption as current issues, such as the capabilities of artificial intelligence (AI), require a more rapid deployment of encryption.
- The Loess Hills communications exercise (COMMEX) will take place from April 27, 2026, through May 1, 2026.
- The Incident Tactical Dispatcher (INTD) course approved through the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is not yet scheduled but will be conducted in Carroll County.
- Ms. Nichols emphasized the heightened awareness of cyber threats for critical infrastructure due to current world events.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on May 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel.

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