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**IOWA E911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING**

**Meeting.** The Iowa E911 Communications Council met on December 9 at the West Des Moines City Hall. E911 Surcharge Fund Administrator Blake DeRouchev reported on several items:

- Halfway through FY 2016, the Council is ahead of last year in granting carryover grants.
- The study on the one dollar E911 surcharge is on track to be completed and submitted to the General Assembly by January 1, 2016.
- There are currently 10 counties utilizing Next Generation 911, which allows texting to 911.

**PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) Applications.** The Council approved a total of 10 grants. To date, \$6.3 million in carryover grants to the PSAPs have been approved in FY 16.

**Legislative Subcommittee Update.** The Subcommittee Vice Chair, Bob Seivert, reported there is still a plan to use E911 funds for the statewide radio platform and discussion of the issue should be continued.

**Budget Subcommittee Update.** The Treasurer of the Council reviewed the last three fiscal years of expenses to develop a budget for the \$100,000 appropriated to the Council. Expenses have been estimated for five out-of-state conferences and two in-state conferences. The educational materials line item needs to be expanded. A discussion was held on reaching out to every PSAP and the best educational medium to use. A Public Education Subcommittee will be established.

**Iowa Interoperability Governance Board.** Coordinator Craig Allen reported:

- A Deputy Coordinator, Helen Tryanovich, has been hired on a part-time basis. She is an engineer and a part-time Iowa Communications Network (ICN) employee. She will continue her duties with the ICN, as well as working with FirstNet deployment and outreach efforts.
- The Interoperability Board is working on their annual report to the General Assembly and will be incorporating policy statements they have adopted.
- The Board is considering outsourcing one project to meet contractor deadlines in regards to FirstNet.

**Next Meeting.** The next Council meeting will be January 13 at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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