



### IOWA STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

**Meeting.** The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board (ISICSB) met December 9, 2015, at the West Des Moines City Hall. Significant agenda items included:

- **Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Report.** Coordinator Craig Allen reported:
  - Encryption guidelines are being developed by working with the Department of Public Safety and SWICs in neighboring states. Federal guidelines will be followed.
  - A deputy Coordinator, Helen Troyanovich, has been hired on a part-time basis. She is an engineer and part-time Iowa Communications Network (ICN) employee. She has previously served on the technology committee of the ISICSB. She will continue her duties with the ICN, as well as working with FirstNet deployment and outreach efforts. She will also be working with the six regional committees which have been established.
  - The SCIP (Secure Communication Interoperable Protocol) was updated after being reviewed in October.
  - A draft copy of the annual report to the General Assembly was approved by the Board.
  - A meeting with FirstNet personnel will take place next week with an on-site visit. Now that the regional operability committees have been established, the SWIC is ready to move forward.
- **E911 Council Report.** E911 Fund Administrator Blake DeRouchev reported on several items:
  - The Council approved 10 grants in the first half of FY 2016 and \$6.3 million in carry-over grants to the PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points) have been approved.
  - The study on the one dollar E911 surcharge is on track to be completed and submitted to the General Assembly by January 1, 2016.
- **Finance Committee.** The Committee met and approved financial items. The Committee recommends that the ISICSB authorize a contract for outside services with Federal Engineering to work with Connect Iowa. There has been a concern with multiple ongoing projects that adequate human resources be available. The Board gave approval for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to retain Federal Engineering for the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) project.
- **Governance Committee.** Discussion has been ongoing regarding a new system logo. Examples were distributed and feedback was given by the Board.
- **Operations Committee.** Discussion continued regarding the best inventory management system to develop.
- **FirstNet Outreach.** All of the Regional Interoperable Committees (RICs) have met. A workshop is scheduled January 5, 2016, for the RIC chairs and vice-chairs to provide information regarding protocol and procedures. ComL training is scheduled for March 2016. A National Guard training exercise is scheduled for April 2016. A list of all individuals with communications training is being compiled to track credentialing.
- **Technology Committee.** A policy statement supporting funding of local procurement of public safety grade LMR equipment for use on statewide interoperable networks and platforms. Two other policies relating to the establishment of Iowa interoperability channels and encryption were passed after receiving no public comment.
- **Other Reports.** A problem with the generator in the trailer located in eastern Iowa has been repaired. The cause is unknown and other generators will be checked for the same problem.

**Next Meeting.** The next Council meeting is January 13, 2016, at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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