



IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 2017

Meeting. The Iowa 911 Communications Council met on June 8, 2017, at the West Des Moines City Hall. 911 Surcharge Fund Administrator Blake DeRouche reported on several items:

- The public service announcements (PSAs) for the NextGen text-to-911 program will be starting soon. The PSAs will first be aired in rural areas, and then in urban areas, and will refer to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department's (HSEMD) 911 website, outlining where text-to-911 is available. Educational flyers will also be distributed to the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for distribution. There should be 63 (out of 113) PSAPs able to accept texts by June 30, 2017. The deadline for funding to PSAPs to complete the work for the NextGen project may be extended to October 31, 2017.
- FY 2018 grant applications for physical consolidation and Geographic Information System (GIS) projects for PSAPs should be available next week, and a webinar with instructions will also be posted. Detailed instructions have been sent to the PSAPs. Maintenance costs will be allowed under the GIS grants.
- On June 27, 2017, there will be a public hearing on proposed rules related to [SF 500](#) at the HSEMD office.
- Designs for a new logo for the Council were presented and discussed by the members.
- There has been an issue regarding CenturyLink upgrades and the costs being billed to the PSAPs. The Attorney General's Office is reviewing the invoices.

Iowa State Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board Updates. The Board continues to work on the Land Mobile Radio Platform (ISICS) and the new FirstNet broadband system. AT&T was awarded the national vendor contract for FirstNet and will be providing its plan for the State of Iowa. Meetings will be held regarding the plan and a decision will then be made whether to opt in or opt out. If Iowa decides to opt out, the State will be responsible for building its own broadband system to meet federal requirements. There are two upcoming Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) workshops, June 13 and June 28.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department Update. Office of Emergency Communicators Regional Coordinator Jim Lundsted encouraged local participation in the upcoming SCIP workshops. AT&T has started using drones as a cell site. The drone can be used over incident sites to enable communication.

Unfinished Business. The Council approved and adopted a resolution supporting the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) i3 Architecture standards for NextGen 911. Incoming Council member Lawrence Hartpence, the representative from the Iowa Geographic Information Council, was introduced.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be July 13, 2017, at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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