



IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING JULY 2017

Meeting. The Iowa 911 Communications Council met on July 13, 2017, at the West Des Moines City Hall. 911 Surcharge Fund Administrator Blake DeRouche reported on several items:

- Currently there are 62 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) that have confirmed connectivity for the NextGen text-to-911 program. Some of those are still in the testing phase. Work will continue through mid-October, with the State picking up connectivity costs. A press conference with the Governor's Office may be scheduled to publicize the service.
- All of the legislative changes mandated by the passage of [Senate File 500](#) have been put into place. A request for proposal related to the merging of the wireline network into the wireless has been issued.
- On October 2, there will be a statewide program update meeting in conjunction with the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials – National Emergency Number Association Conference commencing the following day.
- There are three PSAP grant requests totaling \$237,250 for Geographic Information System projects for the Council to consider for approval.

Iowa State Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board Updates. The State has received the plan for FirstNet. The FirstNet Broadband Committee of the ISICS Board met and discussed the pros and cons of the plan. Network coverage, reliability, and expansion were discussed. There were concerns regarding pricing plans. The review panel has voted in favor of the plan. The final decision whether to recommend opting in or out of the FirstNet broadband system will be made by the ISICS Board at their meeting later this morning. That recommendation will be forwarded to the Governor's Office.

Items for Discussion. Chairperson Steven Ray announced that he will be leaving State government employment and the Council meeting in August will be his last meeting as chairperson. Vice Chairperson Bob Seivert has agreed to step in as acting chairperson until the end of December 2017.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be August 10, 2017, at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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