IOWA STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD MEETING JULY 2017

Meeting. The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board met July 13, 2017, at the West Des Moines City Hall. Significant agenda items included:

Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Report. Coordinator Chris Maiers reported:
- Work continues to be done on encryption and how that will be handled in talk groups for the local users that join the ISICS.
- The FirstNet plan for the State of Iowa has been released.
- There are several industry standards issues that are being considered.
- The Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) workshop held June 28 in Des Moines was very well attended. It is planned to have the SCIP complete by September.

911 Council Report. E911 Fund Administrator Blake DeRouchey reported on several items:
- Three Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Geographic Information System (GIS) grants for a total of $237,250 were approved at this morning's 911 Communications Council meeting.
- There are 62 PSAPs that are currently NextGen Text-to-911 Program capable.
- FY 2018 legislative changes have been made.

User Group Committee. Regions 1 and 2 have been busy. Reassignment of Iowa Communications Network personnel away from ISICS duties may be impacting local level usage. There could be a handful of applications for the network coming in, and Board members need to make sure the applicants receive the assistance needed.

Finance Committee. Genwatch3, an enhanced performance management reporting system, continues to be under consideration. It is a system specific to Motorola for the ISICS platform and would be an optional purchase at the local level.

Governance Committee. John Benson of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department discussed the Inter-Switching System Interface policy and concerns regarding how it was written. Those concerns were forwarded to SWIC Maiers. The committee had no edits for the developed NextGen 911 policy. The committee is also considering the draft SCIP report and is working on a grant process.

Training Committee. The committee will be looking at the goals and objectives that are in the SCIP and may be making recommendations.

Technology Committee. The committee is working on policy and the encryption issue. Other committee involvement is needed on encryption to achieve consensus.

Other Reports. The following other items were reported:
- Linn County had a tornado which took down a tower microwave link. Linn County is moving toward full encryption.
- Board Chair Thomas Lampe will be traveling around the State this fall to schedule meetings in the regions.
- A training session will be set up for the Standards Committee.
- A representative from Motorola reported that work on the ISICS is 65.0% complete. There are 48 sites in active construction, and half of those are ready for State inspection. The integration for Woodbury County is complete, and dispatch has cut over to the new system. Dallas County has also joined the ISICS.

- Chair Lampe announced that the Department of Public Safety has purchased the Genwatch3 software at a cost of $50,000. The purchase price includes a year of maintenance, after which the responsibility for maintenance may be shifted over to the ISICS Board.

New Business. The following new business was discussed:
- The application for Northern Warren County to join the ISICS was approved by the Board.
- The NextGen Text-to-911 policy was approved by the Board.
- Licensing lower power channels with 700-800 megahertz bands under the existing license was approved by the Board.
- A recommendation to opt in to the FirstNet Broadband Network for the State of Iowa was approved by the Board.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on August 10 at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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