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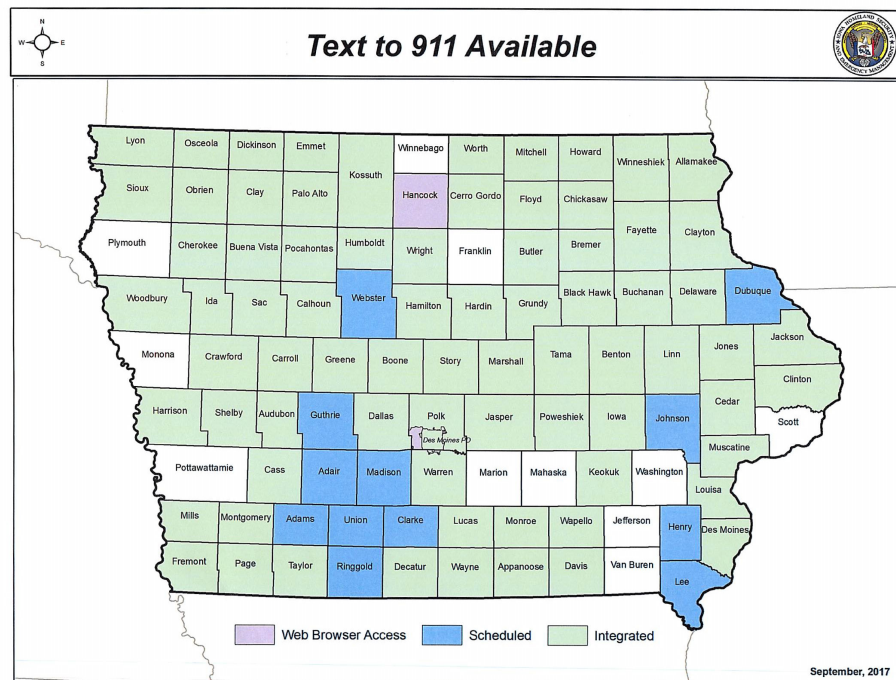
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IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2017

Meeting. The Iowa 911 Communications Council met on September 14, 2017, at West Des Moines City Hall. Rob Dehnert, Council member representative for the Iowa Emergency Managers Association, was elected chair pro tem to preside over the meeting.

911 Surcharge Fund. 911 Program Administrator Blake DeRouche reported on several items:

- Progress continues on establishing the NextGen text-to-911 program. A map illustrating the State status by county was distributed. Work will continue through October.



- Individual 911 Service Board plans are being updated.
- 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 nine Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) grant requests totaling \$195,000 for Geographic Information System projects for the Council to consider for approval.

Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board Updates. Statewide Interoperability Coordinator Chris Maiers reported on several items:

- The Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan is almost complete, and the last step is for committees to finish action plans. After this is done, a draft report will be distributed to the ISICS Board for approval.
- Maiers is in the process of meeting with different counties to discuss interoperability needs.
- The Encryption Committee has decided that there is a need for encrypted talk groups. This will require time to be spent working on the technical aspects, management of the groups, and policy procedures being developed.
- There was a training exercise involving the National Guard at Camp Dodge, and the ISICS was utilized successfully.
- Maiers addressed a rumor he had heard from local officials that the ISICS Board was planning to hire a consultant at a cost of \$300,000 to assist counties to utilize the ISICS. He wanted to clarify that there are no plans for the Board to do this.

Homeland Security and Emergency Services Management Department. Office of Emergency Communicators Regional Coordinator Jim Lundsted stated that the Secretary of Homeland Security has issued a directive that federal agencies could no longer use Kaspersky Labs virus protection software. While this is a federal directive, he encouraged local governments to look into the concerns about using the Kaspersky product. Lundsted also advocated for awareness of vulnerabilities at the local level to cybersecurity threats, including ransomware. When a city or county encounters a ransomware situation, the first step is usually to disconnect from the internet, which affects how a PSAP is able to operate.

Nominations/Election for Vice Chair. Rob Dehnert was nominated and elected to serve as Vice Chair for the Iowa 911 Communications Council. He replaces Bob Seivert, who will serve as acting chairperson until the end of December 2017 after the resignation of Chairperson Steven Ray in August.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be October 12, 2017, at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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