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### IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — OCTOBER 2018

**Meeting.** The Iowa 911 Communications Council met on October 11, 2018, at the West Des Moines City Hall.

**911 Program Financial Reports and Program Update.** Blake DeRouchey, E911 Program Manager, provided the Council with the following updates on the 911 Program and its current financial standing:

- **PSAP NOI Process:** As of the date of the meeting, 22 individual Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs) have completed the notice of interest (NOI) process to initiate proof-of-concept contracts for shared services, including those in Hancock County. This reflects an increase of two PSAPs compared to October 2017. Jefferson, Poweshiek, and Mahaska counties are expected to complete the NOI process in November 2018.
- **Federal GIS Grants Update:** A total of 43 counties have been approved to receive the FY 2019 federal GIS (Geographic Information System) grants, beginning on July 1, 2018. This reflects an increase of 24 counties compared to FY 2018. Eligible counties are able to receive \$6,000 in grant funding through December 31, 2018.
- **Second ESInet Update:** Mr. DeRouchey also provided the Council an update on the second Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESInet). This network is a standard-based “network of networks” designed with a high level of redundancy and resiliency to ensure a network can deliver 911 calls even if some circuits or end points are no longer functioning. Iowa has data sharing agreements with 13 PSAPs and is in the process of working with these entities to establish similar agreements with local authorities.
- **Rapid SOS Presentation:** The Council was also presented with information regarding the Rapid SOS Program, a software that links connected devices to 911 and first responders through the utilization of phone applications and location services. The Program also operates an NG911 Clearinghouse, allowing public safety departments and associated PSAPs to utilize data in emergency situations. The Program is currently 100.0% compatible with the newest Apple iOS 12 operating system and is approximately 50.0% compatible with Google and Android devices. Additionally, a secure browser option for PSAPs called Rapid Light is also available.
- **Administrative Rulemaking Update:** Finally, the Council received an update on the status of proposed rulemakings related to new Iowa Administrative Code chapter 34A. The Administrative Code Committee presented on the following priorities for rulemaking beginning calendar year 2019:
  - Establish definitions for PSAPs and 911 Service Answering Boards.
  - Establish timelines for surcharge expenses, including deadlines.
  - Define the role of political subdivisions pertaining to the 911 Program.
  - Define miscellaneous technology and cybersecurity terms and usage.
  - Define the role and purpose of the Iowa 911 Communications Council.

**Next Meeting.** The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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