

**605—10.3(34A) Joint 911 service boards.** Each county board of supervisors shall establish a joint 911 service board.

**10.3(1) Membership.**

*a.* Each political subdivision of the state having a public safety agency serving territory within the county 911 service area and each local emergency management agency as defined in Iowa Code section 29C.2 operating within the 911 service area is entitled to one voting membership. The sheriff of each county, or the sheriff's designee, is entitled to voting membership on the county's joint 911 service board. The chief of police of each city operating a public safety answering point, or the chief of police's designee, is entitled to voting membership on the joint 911 service board of the county where the city is located. For the purposes of this paragraph, a township that operates a volunteer fire department providing fire protection services to the township, or a city that provides fire protection services through the operation of a volunteer fire department not financed through the operation of city government, shall be considered a political subdivision of the state having a public safety agency serving territory within the county.

*b.* Each private safety agency, such as privately owned ambulance services, airport security agencies, and private fire companies, serving territory within the county 911 service area, is entitled to a nonvoting membership on the board.

*c.* Public and private safety agencies headquartered outside but operating within a county 911 service area are entitled to membership according to their status as a public or private safety agency.

*d.* A political subdivision that does not operate its own public safety agency but contracts for the provision of public safety services is not entitled to membership on the joint 911 service board. However, its contractor is entitled to one voting membership according to the contractor's status as a public or private safety agency.

*e.* The joint 911 service board elects a chairperson and vice chairperson.

*f.* The joint 911 service board shall annually submit a listing of members, to include the political subdivision they represent and, if applicable, the associated 28E agreement, to the 911 program manager. A copy of the list shall be submitted within 30 days of adoption of the operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year and shall be on the prescribed form provided by the 911 program manager.

**10.3(2) Alternate 28E entity.** The joint 911 service board may organize as an Iowa Code chapter 28E agency as authorized in Iowa Code section 34A.3(3), provided that the 28E entity meets the voting and membership requirements of Iowa Code section 34A.3(1).

**10.3(3) Joint 911 service board bylaws.** Each joint 911 service board shall develop bylaws to specify, at a minimum, the following information:

- a.* The name of the joint 911 service board.
- b.* A list of voting and nonvoting members.
- c.* The date for the commencement of operations.
- d.* The mission.
- e.* The powers and duties.
- f.* The manner for financing activities and maintaining a budget.
- g.* The manner for acquiring, holding and disposing of property.
- h.* The manner for electing or appointing officers and terms of office.
- i.* The manner by which members may vote to include, if applicable, the manner by which votes may be weighted.
- j.* The manner for appointing, hiring, disciplining, and terminating employees.
- k.* The rules for conducting meetings.
- l.* The permissible method or methods to be employed in accomplishing the partial or complete termination of the board and the disposing of property upon such complete or partial termination.
- m.* Any other necessary and proper rules or procedures.

Each member shall sign the adopted bylaws.

The joint 911 service board shall record the signed bylaws with the county recorder and shall forward a copy of the signed bylaws to the 911 program manager at the homeland security and emergency management department.

**10.3(4) *Executive board.*** The joint 911 service board may, through its bylaws, establish an executive board to conduct the business of the joint 911 service board. Members of the executive board must be selected from the eligible voting members of the joint 911 service board. The executive board will have such other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the joint 911 service board.

**10.3(5) *Meetings.***

*a.* The provisions of Iowa Code chapter 21, “Official Meetings Open to the Public,” are applicable to joint 911 service boards.

*b.* Joint 911 service boards shall conduct meetings in accordance with their established bylaws and applicable state law.

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