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IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — APRIL 2024

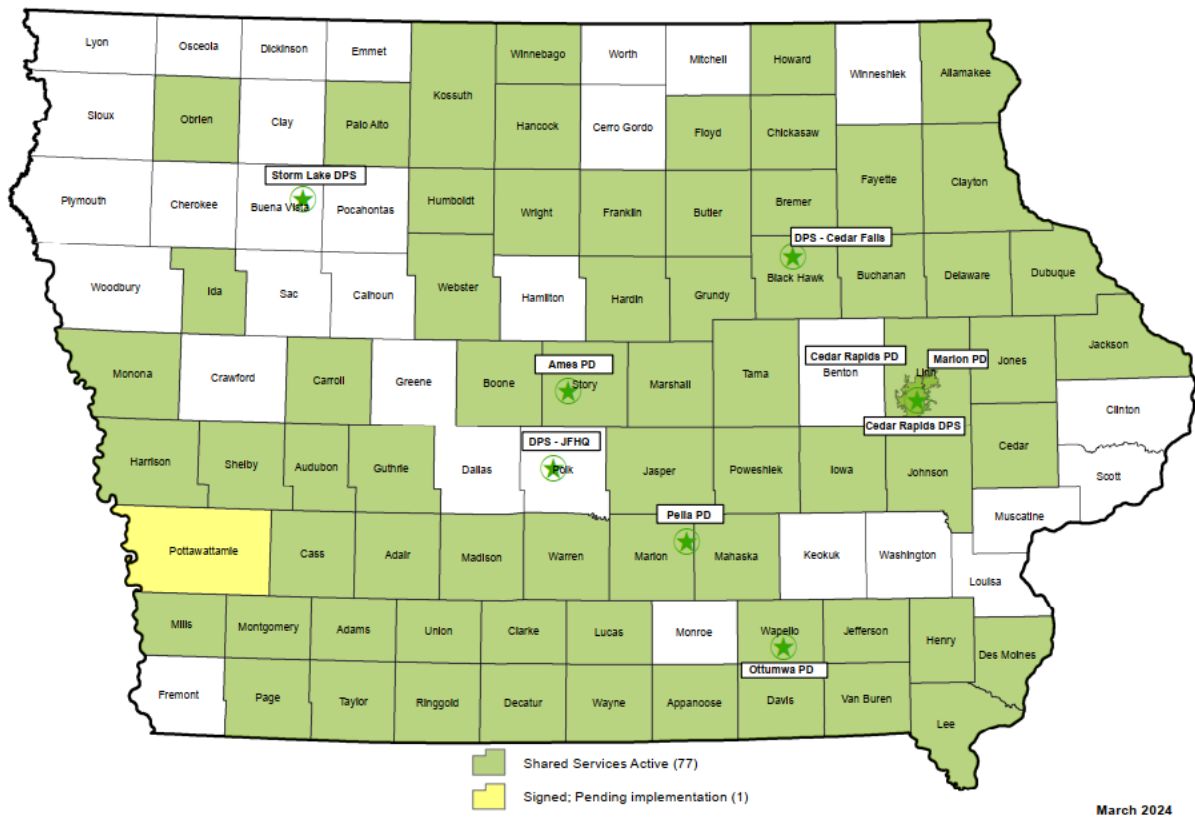
Meeting. The 911 Communications Council met on April 11, 2024, at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel. A recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

911 Program Financial Report and Program Update. Blake DeRouchev, 911 Program Manager and State Administrator at the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), provided the Council with the following updates:

- Three bills were noted for the Council from the 2024 Legislative Session. These included:
 - [Senate File 2385](#) and [House File 2574](#) (State Government Boards and Commissions Bill)
 - [House File 2652](#) (School Safety Plans and Improvements, Appropriations Bill)
 - [Senate File 2161](#) (False Reports to Public Safety Entities, Penalties Act)
- Interstate text to 911 transfers are currently available.
- The [report](#) on public safety answering point (PSAP) expenditures was submitted to the Legislature. The State Auditor submitted the [report](#) reviewing HSEMD's compliance with requirements.
- There are currently outstanding expenditure collection and service board membership forms. These include:
 - Expenditure Collection (13): Benton, Butler, and Grundy counties.
 - Service Board Membership (12): Fremont, Grundy, and Hardin counties.
- Comtech implemented a Next Generation 911 Core Service upgrade.
- Dual-tone multi-frequency signaling tones have been fixed.
- The Cyber Resilient 911 Symposium will be held in Kansas City in May.
- Future surcharge options were discussed.
- **Geographic Information System (GIS) grants:** In FY 2024 Q3, counties received a total of \$321,000 in GIS grant funding. Funding is contingent on verification that the applicant possesses 98.0% match rates with GIS and 98.0% match rates with the Automatic Location Identification (ALI) system. In April 2024, all counties met the benchmarks.
- **Training fund requests:** The Council receives \$100,000 annually from the 911 Wireless Surcharge Fund to cover travel costs for the Council and to assist with public education and training costs for PSAPs. One training application was approved, which included approximately \$27,000 for the Moetivations online statewide training. As of April 2024, there is approximately \$29,000 remaining in the Fund. After approval of the two applications, there will be approximately \$2,300 remaining in the Fund.
- **Shared Services Update:** The HSEMD awarded Zetron Next-Generation 911 (NG911) contracts in December 2017 and July 2022 for shared 911 call-handling equipment. Zetron also provides a call-taking system that offers computer-aided design (CAD), 911 mapping, and emergency medical dispatch software in implementing NG911 protocols and systems. Pottawattamie County has become an active shared services location for call taking.

Figure 1 displays the current number of active shared services locations in the State by county.

Figure 1 — Current Active Shared Services Locations (by County)



Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board Update. Haley Nichols, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), reported on several items.

Emergency Communications Coordinator Report. Chris Maier, Emergency Communications Coordinator of the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), reported on several items including Emergency Communications Month, the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE), and regional news.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on May 9, 2024, at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel.

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