

**Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network
Steering Committee
November 20, 2019
INFORMATIONAL SESSION**

The November 20, 2019 ESINet Steering Committee in-person meeting was scheduled at 12:30PM. Rob Jackson called the meeting to order and Melissa Wulliger called the roll.

Members present:

Matthew Hiscock, Ohio Municipal League
John Leutz, County Commissioners' Association of Ohio
Jason Loree, Ohio Township Association
A quorum was NOT present

Other Attendees:

Rob Jackson, Ohio 9-1-1 Administrator
Senator O'Brien's Staff by telephone
Jay Somerville, Chair of the PSAP Operations Subcommittee

Rob Jackson shared during roll call that the legislators are in sessions, and they will not be able to attend today's meeting. Additionally, Comm. Ed Humphrey and Marion DPS Director Tom Robbins were called away on other business and could not attend. With no quorum, this meeting was an informational meeting, Hilary Damaser, Ohio Attorney General's Office, who works with the ESINet Steering Committee, wanted Mr. Jackson to remind all that if there is no quorum, items cannot be discussed among the members of the committee. However, attending committee members are able to listen and ask questions of speakers.

Continuing with the informational session, Mr. Jackson started the meeting with the first agenda item which was to move to subcommittee updates. Dave Blackstone, chair of the Technical Standards subcommittee was not present due a prior commitment. Mr. Jackson shared that the Technical Standards subcommittee has no updates at this time.

Next was Mr. Jay Somerville. As the chair of the PSAP Operations Subcommittee, he was asked to provide an update regarding the works of his committee. He thanked Ohio APCO/NENA for staying for the ESINet meeting which followed their quarterly meeting. The only update Mr. Somerville offered was regarding the PSAP Operating Rules. The rules will be up for their five-year review May 2021. He plans on open meetings for input on changes to begin May 2020. If interested, look for more information. Also, the ORC 128 needs to be revisited in the very near future.

The next agenda item is the 9-1-1 Administrator updates:

Mr. Jackson, ESINet Steering Committee Chair Ervan Rodgers and Katrina Flory, Deputy CIO, were invited to a meeting with the Governor and Miss Ohio. Her agenda item is 9-1-1 and educating the general public. She will be featured on our training video relative to her program. Information was shared regarding 9-1-1 and transitioning to NG9-1-1.

Mr. Jackson asked for the Support and Compliance report from Sharon McMurray. Wrapping up reporting year 2019, there are three counties left to report. Eight counties have been contacted needing minor adjustments to their S&C reports. Seventy-seven counties are compliant. Mr. Jackson shared that another in-person meeting will be scheduled in order to address the few counties that are not coming into compliance.

The next piece of the 9-1-1 Administrator update involved Mr. Jackson sharing with the committee that the Request for Proposal (RFP) scoring process is ongoing. The scoring team requested clarifications from the participating vendor proposals, so that the highest ranked vendor can be determined. Once selected, negotiations will begin with the goal of having a contract contingent upon the passing of legislation and funding. Reminder no details can be shared during the procurement process.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any 9-1-1 coordinators who have not received the Federal 9-1-1 Subgrant Application. No one spoke from the audience. Mr. Jackson listed the grant scoring team:

David Blackstone – Technical Standards Sub-Committee Chair and OGRIP Director
Jay Somerville – PSAP Operations Sub-Committee Chair and Dublin Communications Manager
John Leutz-County Commissioners’ Association of Ohio
Colonel Brian Pricket – Chief Deputy, Clinton County Sheriff’s Office
Jeff Hussey - State Fire Marshal, Ohio Department of Commerce
Richard Schmahl – MARCS Director

Mr. Jackson again thanked the Department of Commerce and State Fire Marshal for partnering with the Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office. After the December 31st deadline, during the first couple of months of 2020, the Grant review committee will decide if the subgrant recipients have met the criteria. The applications will then be prioritized to identify the amount of the funding awarded. The counties who is awarded funding will be required to sign an agreement with the Department of Commerce. Once that agreement is approved and received, the eligible project can begin. Remember, this is a reimbursable grant. The subgrantee will have to front 100% of the funds for the approved project, and then there will be a reimbursement of 60% of the total project. Any project that has already started is not eligible for reimbursement. So far, the process is going well and we are receiving and answering questions.

All Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund (WGAF) reconciliation forms have been received except for one. Once the last one is received, it will wrap up the collection for this year.

Next on the agenda is the ORC 128 Legislative Proposal. Since this is an informational session, the committee cannot discuss it until we have a quorum.

Mr. Jackson asked for public comments. Prior to the scheduled speaker, Mr. Jackson welcomed Director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Service (DAS), Mr. Matthew Damschroder. He shared that on behalf of the Governor, he thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all they do all at every level to keep Ohio safe.

Mr. Rob Herrington is the 9-1-1 Director in Jefferson County and the leader of a new organization called Ohio 9-1-1 Association which is made up of Ohio's 9-1-1 Coordinators. His concern is the \$.25 surcharge that is to be voted on by the ESINet Steering Committee and legislation, and the decision to approve a surcharge that might be too low.

Mr. Jackson thanked Ohio APCO and Ohio NENA for hosting the ESINet Steering Committee meeting.

At this point, Mr. Jackson asked if there was new business from any committee members. However, since this is an informational session no new business can be discussed.

Mr. Jackson did not ask for a motion for adjournment, because this meeting was an informational session, and the meeting ended at 12.59PM.