

**Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network  
Steering Committee  
August 29, 2019**

The August 29, 2019 ESINet Steering Committee teleconference was scheduled at 11:00AM. Melissa Wulliger called the roll.

**Members present:**

Representative Kent Smith, Ohio House of Representatives  
Commissioner Ed Humphrey, County Commissioners' Association of Ohio  
Matthew Hiscock, Ohio Municipal League  
Tom Robbins, Ohio Municipal League  
John Leutz, County Commissioners' Association of Ohio  
Jason Loree, Ohio Township Association (joined 11:05)  
*A quorum was present*

**Other Attendees:**

Rob Jackson, Ohio 9-1-1 Administrator  
Senator O'Brien's Staff  
Jay Somerville, Chair of the PSAP Operations Subcommittee  
Roger Hixson, Technical Advisor

Rob Jackson started the meeting off with the first agenda item, which was to approve the meeting minutes from August 2019. Mr. Jackson asked if any of the members present had any revisions or comments regarding the minutes. There were no changes, so Mr. Jackson requested a motion. *A motion was made by Mr. Robbins to accept the August minutes and was then seconded by Mr. Leutz. There were no discussions and a roll call vote was taken:*

Representative Kent Smith – yes  
Commissioner Ed Humphrey - yes  
Mr. Hiscock – yes  
Mr. Leutz - yes  
Mr. Robbins - yes

*All committee members voted to approve the minutes.* Mr. Jackson shared that those minutes will be posted on the website as usual.

Next on the agenda are the **Technical Standards Subcommittee and PSAP Operations Subcommittee** reports. Mr. Dave Blackstone, Chair of the Technical Subcommittee had another commitment. Mr. Jackson reported that there was a final copy of the NG9-1-1 Educational Report recently completed by the subcommittee. The Program Office will be sending out the document to the 9-1-1 Coordinators. Mr. Roger Hixson will possibly be creating a webinar that mirrors the referenced NG9-1-1 Educational document.

Next was Mr. Jay Sommerville. As the Chair of the PSAP Operations Subcommittee, he was asked to provide an update regarding the works of his committee. He shared there was no new business.

The next agenda item is the **9-1-1 Administrator** updates: Sharon McMurray, the **Support and Compliance** Coordinator. Ms. McMurray reported that 68 counties have submitted their 2019 documentation. Twenty counties are still in the determination process. Currently, four counties are out of compliance. The Program Office and four counties are working together so that those counties become compliant. The Program Office will be supporting and working with counties under Rule 19 by providing at least multiple months for the counties to become compliant, if they are working towards that goal, before the non-compliance issue goes before the ESINet Steering Committee.

Moving down the agenda, Mr. Jackson shared that there are four companies that responded to the **RFP**. Since it is now public record, the companies are: Motorola, INditigal, Comtech and CenturyLink. The first scoring event was on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Scoring Committee consists of the two ESINet subcommittee chairs, Mr. Somerville and Mr. Blackstone, a subject matter expert from OARnet, Roger Hixson, and Rick Schmahl from Ohio MARCS. Next week, each vendor will provide a 60-minute presentation and answer questions for the Committee. A Federal Engineering report will be provided on the technical piece. Then a consensus score will be produced followed by the price packets being reviewed. Once that has been identified, the Committee will arrive at the highest ranked vendor and negotiations will begin. After that time, pricing will be released to the ESINet Committee. The goal is to have the contingency contract completed by the end of the year.

Next on the agenda was the **Federal Grant**. Mr. Jackson thanked the Fire Marshal and the Department of Commerce for partnering with the Program Office and offering their grant expertise. The plan is to push out the Subgrant application the end of September. There is a Grant Review Committee that consists of the State Fire Marshal, MARCS Director, GIS Director, a 9-1-1 County Coordinator, Fire Chief of EMA, Chief Deputy from a Sheriff's office and the last local representative is a Municipal 9-1-1 representative.

Mr. Jackson reported updates regarding the **Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund Reconciliation Forms**. All counties have submitted their forms, and the 9-1-1 Program office is still in the process of checking the remaining few for completion.

The Ohio 9-1-1 Statewide Annual **Symposium** is schedule for September 18, 2019 beginning 9:00AM to 3:30PM at the Highway Patrol Academy. This is the same day as the BSSA meeting. Mr. Jackson will be at the BSSA for the first few hours of the Symposium. Mr. Ervan Rodgers will be opening the Symposium. Check out the Newsletter or website to register to attend.

Mr. Jackson had a booth at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus' Health and Safety Awareness Day, Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>. Attending was the Columbus Police, Columbus Fire, Highway Patrol, Columbus City Health Department and many other agencies. The Program Office distributed information regarding NG9-1-1 and received a lot of positive feedback.

Just as an update, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services has a **Twitter Account**. Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office has had several posts already on the account.

Mr. Jackson shared that the ESINet Steering Committee needs to make a decision regarding **OAC 4901:1-6-31 (C) – Emergency and Outage Operations**. This means that if there is a 9-1-1 outage, it is required that it be reported to the local PSAP, the ESINet Steering Committee or its designees and the news media of the affected area. After discussions, it was recommended that the ESINet Steering Committee designate the Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office and the PUCO as the designees. This would then allow agencies to send out a joint or separate notification on reporting outages. This also allows the PUCO to engage and allows the Program Office to coordinate or assist any county coordinators if it is needed. *Commissioner Humphrey made the motion to approve the decision of the said designees in accordance with OAC 4901:1-6-31(C) and Mr. Loree seconded. A roll call vote was taken:*

Representative Kent Smith – yes

Commissioner Ed Humphrey - yes

Mr. Hiscock – yes

Mr. Leutz - yes

Mr. Loree – yes

Mr. Robbins – yes

*All committee members voted and the motion passed.*

Mr. Jackson shared that there is a NASNA interim meeting coming up. It should be noted that the Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office will be attending and was asked to participate in the selection of the next Director.

Mr. Jackson continued with the agenda item of the ORC 128 Legislative Proposal. Now that the RFP is underway, the latest version will be reviewed again and shared. Once the contract is awarded and the pricing can be released, the ESINet can decide on a recommended amount.

Mr. Jackson then opened the floor for new business:

Representative Kent Smith – No

Commissioner Ed Humphrey - No

Matthew Hiscock – Brought up the recent formal complaint that the PUCO has filed against Frontier Communications. He would like the ESINet Committee to always be informed of any formal complaints involving 9-1-1.

Jason Loree - No

Tom Robbins - No

John Leutz – No

Mr. Jackson gave the ESINet information regarding the November meeting. The Committee was invited to hold the meeting during the local APCO/NENA quarterly meeting which will be November 20, 2019.

The next teleconference date is September 24, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Mr. Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Commissioner Humphrey made a motion for adjournment and Mr. Loree seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote at 11:24 PM.*