

**Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network
Steering Committee
September 29, 2020**

The September 29, 2020 ESINet Steering Committee teleconference was scheduled at 11:00AM. Rob Jackson called the meeting to order and Chairman Ervan Rodgers welcomed everyone. Melissa Wulliger called the roll:

Members present:

Ervan Rodgers, State CIO and ESINet Chair
Representative Kent Smith, Ohio House of Representatives
Representative Rick Carfagna, Ohio House of Representatives
Commissioner Ed Humphrey, County Commissioners' Association of Ohio
John Leutz, County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Jason Loree, Ohio Township Association
Lee Czerwonka, Ohio Municipal League

Other Attendees:

Rob Jackson, Ohio 9-1-1 Administrator
Senator Sean O'Brien's staff
Jay Somerville, Chair of the PSAP Operations Subcommittee
Dave Blackstone, Chair of the Technical Standards Subcommittee
Ms. Caroline Grace Williams, Miss Ohio

Mr. Jackson opened the meeting by asking the committee to review the August meeting minutes for edits and then asked for a motion. *A motion was made by Commissioner Humphrey to approve August meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Czerwonka. There were no discussions and a roll call vote was taken:*

Representative Smith – yes
Representative Carfagna - yes
Commissioner Humphrey – yes
Mr. Leutz - yes
Mr. Loree – yes
Mr. Czerwonka – yes

Next on the agenda was the subcommittee updates. Mr. Jackson called upon Mr. Blackstone, Chair of the Technical Standards subcommittee. Mr. Blackstone talked a free educational webinar from a company called DataMark that will be hosted on October 27 and 28. It is worth looking into and has been sent out on the OGRIP and Ohio 9-1-1 ListServs.

Mr. Jackson called upon Mr. Somerville the Chair of the PSAP Operations Subcommittee. Mr. Somerville shared that the PSAP Ops subcommittee continues to do their assignment as tasked by the ESINet Steering Committee which is to come up with recommendations or revisions of the PSAP Operations Rules. A meeting for public comment was held on September 23 and

another meeting will be held October 21 with a goal to have a final draft for the ESINet Steering Committee a week before the November 2020 meeting.

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

The Support and Compliance report. Sharon McMurray reported that 75 out of 88 counties have submitted documentation for 2020. Sixty-four have received agency responses. The remaining 11 counties, eight have been reviewed and are compiling the rest of the statistics and/or training documentation. She and Rob thanked the counties for all their participation.

Mr. Jackson talked about the 9-1-1 location testing. The Program office has completed testing in Darke, Clinton, Clermont and Ashtabula counties which all went well. We have one remaining county to test and that is Crawford County which will be scheduled soon.

The GIS conference was the end of September. Mr. Jackson compiled a team of presenters to discuss NG9-1-1 and GIS at the conference. The team consisted of Roger Hixson; Jay Somerville, Dave Blackstone and Stephen Ashurkoff Comtech. The conference attendees consist of mainly GIS engineers and coordinators from counties all across Ohio.

The Midwest Regional 9-1-1 Collaborative Group which consists of states that surround Ohio's borders met. Mr. Jackson stated how this group meets every three months or so to discuss interoperability and/or border issues. This allows Ohio and surrounding states to share important information regarding NG9-1-1.

Mr. Jackson introduced the new State Fire Marshal, Kevin Reardon, and asked him to update the ESINet Steering Committee on the status of the grant and the \$250,000 cap where the committee made a recommendation for use. The Department of Commerce is reaching out to counties and asking them if they are in need of additional funds in order for the State to utilize all of the Federal 9-1-1 Grant funds. This is the path forward for the Department of Commerce and are still processing and working through that recommendation.

The next agenda item is the continued conversation taking place regarding the proposed recommendation for legislation in reference to the Next Generation 9-1-1. The committee members have received the fiscal information. Mr. Jackson turned the discussion over to committee. Discussions took place of whether or not the fee will change. The proposal that was previously discussed requested that the fee be adjusted. The Federal Engineering report that was provided earlier actually projected out what each of those fees would generate. ORC 128 may not be overhauled, but it will be heavily edited and decisions will be made on how it fits into legislation.

Representative Carfagna discussed the one cent escalation scale previously discussed in meetings. MARCS fees assessed to counties were also discussed but clearly nothing was decided, and it was noted that feedback would be welcomed. Mr. Leutz expressed concern over payment of the MARCS fees the counties currently pay, and he would like to see those fees eliminated. Representative Carfagna expressed concern that the \$.25 is not derailed or confused with counties current payment fees for MARCS. Director Rick Schmahl updated the Steering

Committee on the use of those MARCS fees and the similarity of fees assessed. It was decided that caution needs to be taken with legislative language and identifying a universal fee and its purpose. The end result of the fees and MARCS fees is that this needs to be discussed further.

Mr. Jackson brought to the floor a previous discussion regarding the local committee make-up discussion. Mr. Leutz proposed language that expanded it from a four member to a five-member committee with the additional member being a local elected official. Mr. Leutz requested that this discussion be tabled until he can refresh his notes and memory regarding the language. Mr. Jackson will offer information prior to the next ESINet Steering Committee meeting.

Mr. Jackson welcomed Miss Ohio, Caroline Grace Williams, who presented an update on her platform which was Text-to-911 in the State of Ohio. She has traveled around to many schools to share the importance of 9-1-1 and was thrilled to see the number of counties that are on board now in the state. Mr. Jackson thanked her for joining the call and for the update and noted that a current map is posted on the Ohio 9-1-1 Program office website.

Next on the agenda, Mr. Jackson asked for new business:

Mr. Ervan Rodgers – no
Senator O'Brien's staff - no
Representative Smith – no
Representative Carfagna - no
Commissioner Humphrey – no
Mr. Leutz - no
Mr. Loree – no
Mr. Czerwonka – no

Mr. Jackson opened the floor for possible dates to schedule the next teleconference and October 27, 2020 beginning at 11:00 was selected. Mr. Jackson then asked for a motion for adjournment. *Commissioner Humphrey made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mr. Czerwonka. No discussions and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.*