



Kansas 9-1-1 Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 16, 2018

1 Call To Order

The Kansas 911 Coordinating Council ("Council") meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Heitschmidt at 9:05 a.m.

2 Roll Call

Council Members in Attendance

Mike Albers, Rick Billinger, Troy Briggs, Robert Cooper, David Cowan, Jerry Daniels, Marci Francisco, Adam Geffert, Dick Heitschmidt, Kyle Hoffman, Kathy Kuentler, Michael Leiker, Sherry Massey, Kerry McCue, Robert McLemore, Josh Michaelis, Melanie Mills-Bergers, Ken Nelson, and Ellen Wernicke.

Council Members Absent

John Alcalá, Larry Dexter, and John Fox.

Also, in Attendance

Michele Abbott, Lori Alexander, Eileen Battles, Kathleen Becker, Debbie Edwards, Scott Ekberg, Angela Murphy, Phill Ryan, Gayle Schwarzrock, and Randall White.

3 Approval of Minutes

Chairman Dick Heitschmidt presented the January 26, 2018 meeting minutes for approval. Chief Robert McLemore moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Josh Michaelis. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

4 Approval of Agenda

5 Presentations

5.1 LCPA Report

Financial Reports. Kathleen Becker presented financial reports for the first two (2) months of 2018.

LCPA Audit. Cummins, Coffman, and Schmidlein, CPA, will be doing the 2017 annual LCPA Audit this year for 2017. The goal is to have the audit completed by July.

5.2 Chairman Report

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Last week marked the annual National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to honor first responders and those involved in public safety.



Retirement. Chairman Heitschmidt announced to the Council that he is retiring as Chief of Police, Hutchinson, Kansas, October 1, 2018. There will be further discussion on this topic during the June 8, 2018, Council meeting.

ESInet In Reno County. Reno County went live last week on the nationwide AT&T ESInet™ (Emergency Services IP network). This was a historic moment, with Kansas being the first state in the union to do so.

Gov. Colyer's EO 2018-04. Governor Jeff Colyer, MD, recently signed Executive Order 2018-04 dealing with sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. It is the recommendation of the Council's legal counsel at the Attorney General's Office that the Council not adopt its own policy, but instead rely upon the State's policy regarding sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. Motion was made by Senator Marci Francisco to adopt the State's policy; seconded by Sherry Massey. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

911 Act SB 420. Senate Bill 420 was not brought up for discussion during this Session. Senator Francisco advised that because this is the second year of the 2-year sessions, and every representative is up for election, no Bills are carried over. The Bill will need to be reintroduced during the next Legislative session. The Council will work with Senator Olson, Chair of the Senate Utilities Committee, work on the Bill in preparation for the next Legislative session. Further discussion on this topic during the June 8, 2018, Council meeting.

Council Vacancies and Appointments. Status of Council appointments:

- Robert Cooper has been reappointed.
- Rob McDonald, will be replacing Jimmy Todd. His application is currently under review.
- Jonathan York, from the Adjutant General's Office, will be replacing Colonel (Ret.) Chris Stratmann. His paperwork has been submitted to the Governor's Office.
- Paperwork has been submitted to replace Jay Coverdale, Office of Information Technology Services (OITS).

NG911/FirstNet Interoperability Status. AT&T has hired Colonel (Ret.) Chris Stratmann to work with their FirstNet group.

5.3 NG911 Administrator Report

NG911 AT&T ESInet Status. Scott Ekberg presented numerous benefits of the national AT&T ESInet not previously mentioned. In support of this new initiative, an MOU Day is set for May 17, 2018, in Salina. The agreements will be put into templates which PSAPs can then take back with them to review with their legal counsel or governing body. No binding agreements will be made; it is only informational.

Other States Reaching Out to Kansas. Coffeyville PD sits right on the state line between Kansas and Oklahoma, with South Coffeyville in Oklahoma. Therefore, Coffeyville has a responsibility for taking 911 calls for that section of Oklahoma. That county in Oklahoma is basic 911. Nowata County has approached Coffeyville PD with an interest in having Coffeyville PD take 911 calls in the northern half of their county. This raises jurisdictional questions about the state line. Chief Robert McLemore shared how Ellen Wernicke, MARC region, works across state lines. Ellen advised the model is out there for what they are currently doing. Adam Geffert, MARC, will discuss further with Scott. Senator Francisco mentioned that MARC has set up a jurisdictional relationship for several efforts, including 911.

Hosted Call Handling Solution Status. As shown on the Status Map, there are 82 counties live on the system. Issues with Shawnee County diverse circuits should be resolved shortly and they will be ready to



move forward. The Text-To-911 map reflects all of the counties that are operational on the system currently, and those that will be coming online the same day they go live on the call handling system.

Statistics and Council Cost/Call. Scott reviewed the statistics for the 1st quarter of 2018.

5.4 Program Management Report

Randall presented the Program Management report. The program currently has two (2) jeopardy issues:

- **Headcount.** Not enough staff at the end of 2018. Phill Ryan and Randall White’s contracts will expire at the end of the year. Additionally, the program has lost Jay Coverdale and Colonel (Ret.) Stratmann. Get-well solutions will be reviewed at next Council meeting, June 8, 2018.
- **Funding** beyond 2020. With the new features that are being added, such as ESInet, more funding is necessary. An increase in fee would resolve the shortfall in funding.

Randall reviewed program status of LCPA, DASC, Dickinson County, Infrastructure, Knowledge Center.

5.5 Technical Committee Report

Phill Ryan presented on the Technical Committee report.

- **Project Escalation:** DDS server difficulties with log-in. Airbus and AT&T simulated the situation in their lab and came up with code fixes. Standard security software was also released.
- Software upgrade was recently implemented with some feature fixes, as well as an increase in capacity for the CAD ports that go with each PSAP.
- AT&T ESInet™ came into the Yoder test lab in March and pre-tested everything before it was pushed over live for Reno County. Everything went smoothly.
- Phill advised there is a 10-digit number that goes into every 911 center. Telemarketers find these numbers even though they are not listed. With ESInet, those 10-digit numbers go away.
- There are companies working on enhancements to better locate individuals calling in to 911. Hoping to have a much better system for this by the end of the year with our new technology.
- AirBus sold their communications division to Motorola.

5.6 Operations Committee

Michele Abbott presented the Operations Committee. Feb 16 was 50th anniversary of the first 911 call.

Expenditure Report. Scott reviewed Expenditure Report for 2017; only a few PSAPs haven’t reported. With what has been submitted, there is:

- \$18,467,580.54 reported as expenditures in 2017
- \$3,810,611.70 is pending follow-up information to ensure they fit within allowable expenses
- \$1,540.00 in unallowable expenses report.

Training Sub-Committee Report. Ellen Wernicke advised the training committee has not done a lot pending the legislative effort. The Committee will be working on creating a “voluntary certification program” for those agencies who want to meet the current training standards. Chairman Heitschmidt requested that Ellen prepare a report for the June 8, 2018, Council meeting.



Text-To-911 Sub-Committee Report. Josh Michaelis reviewed texting statistics. The next step is Real Time Texting (RTT). He is monitoring FCC developments, and inquiring about RTT status of cellular carriers, as well as language translation in the software updates. The committee has also been working with the Kansas Historical Society on a record retention schedule of text messages. Robert Cooper has been doing public education with the deaf and hard of hearing community across the state over the past few months.

5.7 GIS Committee Report

National Award and Recognition. Ken Nelson shared that DASC received an Esri Special Achievement award in GIS.

GIS Data Maintenance. Ken reviewed the 1st quarter report for 2018 - 100% compliance with Kansas NG911 GIS Data Governance Policy.

Orthoimagery. A majority of the state has been completed – ahead of what was originally planned. There are a few more areas that will be completed to finish up this year and then they will come back in 2019 to complete the state. Approximately six local jurisdictions participated in the buy-up program for either the 6” or 3” resolution.

Program Portal. Eileen Battles presented on portal updates: expenditure reporting, VESTA® Locate template, and EDGMS portal.

GIS User Group Report. Webinar presented every quarter that includes program, geospatial, and toolbox updates. The webinar is also posted for viewing after. Completed one in February with 60+ in attendance. Next webinar set in May 2018, and an in-person meeting in October 2018 at the KAM Conference.

GIS Data Training. GIS Data Steward and Data Maintainer Certification Classes led by Sherry Massey. Are scheduled through August, 2018, at locations throughout the state.

Geospatial Call Routing. Sherry discussed the **project escalation** regarding geospatial call routing. The pieces of the system necessary to get the GIS data into the ESInet are not yet available. Weekly meetings have been established to fast track development.

5.8 Liaison Report

Lori Alexander noted upcoming conferences that ensure we stay abreast of emerging NG911 standards, while allowing our core team to network with state local subject matter experts:

- NASNA and NENA, June, Nashville
- APCO International, August, Las Vegas
- Kansas Fall APCO, October, Salina.

6 New Business

2018 Budget. Scott advised the 2018 budget did not include the cost of ESInet. Scott asked that the contract budget for the AT&T line item be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 (to include the \$3,000,000 for ESInet). The cost of ESInet will only be invoiced for each PSAP as they are migrated. Chairman Heitschmidt inquired if funding is available for this increase and Scott confirmed it is. Senator Francisco motioned to increase the budget by \$2,000,000, making the total \$7,000,000, with the option to increase further as needed. Sherry Massey seconded the Motion. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next meeting is a web-conference on **June 8, 2018**.



7 Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by Representative Hoffman; seconded by Sherry Massey. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at about 11:24 a.m.

Submitted by:

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