

STATE 9-1-1 COMMITTEE
Legislative Action Subcommittee
Michigan State Police Headquarters
1917/Millennium Conference Rooms
Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Meeting Minutes

A. ROLL CALL: A quorum was present for today's meeting.

MEMBERS

Ms. Pat Anderson
Mr. Dale Berry
Major Charles Bush
Ms. Pat Coates
Ms. Yvette Collins
Mr. Bob Currier
Mr. Lloyd Fayling
Mr. Jim Fyvie
Ms. Jennifer Greenburg
Sheriff Dale Gribler
Mr. Steve Leese
Ms. Jim Loeper
Mr. Dave Piasecki

REPRESENTING

AT&T
Huron Valley Ambulance Service
Department of State Police
CLEMIS
AT&T
Intrado
Genesee County 9-1-1 Authority
Clinton County Central Dispatch
TAM
Van Buren County Sheriff Dept.
Eaton County Central Dispatch
Gogebic County 9-1-1
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown
Ms. Janet Hengesbach

Department of State Police
Department of State Police

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Hal Martin
Mr. Larry Steckelberg
Ms. Evah Cole

Attorney General's Office
Department of Treasury
Department of Treasury

ABSENT

Ms. Marsha Bianconi (w/notice)
Mr. Dan Kuhn
Mr. Dave Vehslage (w/notice)
Mr. Joe VanOosterhout (w/notice)
Mr. Chris Luty
Ms. Pam Matelski (w/notice)
Mr. Andy Goldberger (w/notice)

CWW
House Appointee, Public Member
Frontier Communications
Marquette County Central Dispatch
Michigan State Police Troopers Association
Department of State Police
St. Joseph County Central Dispatch

Major Bush opened the meeting by explaining the recent reorganization and as a result, the State 9-1-1 Office is now under the Office of Emergency and Specialized Services (OESS) of which he is the Commander. He also requested that the members present introduce themselves and give some background information.

B. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 16, 2010, MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Fyvie made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of August 16, 2010. Mr. Currier supported. The **MOTION** carries.

C. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Major Bush inquired of any outstanding items from the August 16, 2010 meeting. Ms. Miller-Brown briefly explained the D-block issue and that this subcommittee made a recommendation the State 9-1-1 Committee send a letter of support to the Michigan Delegation. This letter was sent out September 22, 2010.

Mr. Currier gave an update regarding the D-Block issue on a national level. The committee assignments are currently being made for the next Legislative year. Many of the Legislators who supported 9-1-1 on a national level did not run again or lost their respective elections. Much work will have to be done to educate the incoming Congress.

This subcommittee also made a recommendation that the State 9-1-1 Committee send a letter to Speaker Andy Dillon indicating their willingness to assist in discussions, evaluations, and recommendations regarding efficiencies in 9-1-1 services in Michigan. A letter was sent to Speaker Dillon on September 30, 2010. Thus far, there has been no response to this correspondence.

A 9-1-1 Efficiencies Subcommittee has been developed. Sheriff Gribler indicated that he would like to meet sometime in late November. Members of the SNC will be the core members of this group and others will be added as work groups will be developed.

Ms. Miller-Brown briefly discussed the new incoming Michigan Legislature. Out of 110 in the Michigan House of Representatives, she believes that between 69/70 of them are new members due to term limits and election turn-over. Many have moved from the House to Senate so they are familiar with current 9-1-1 issues. Much education will have to come at the House level.

HB 5622 is currently in lame duck session. This is the bill for matching \$1.7 million for the ENHANCE 9-1-1 grant. Sheriff Gribler noted that Rep. Schuitmaker said no bills will be discussed unless it is in Appropriations Committee. Sheriff Gribler will contact Sen. Jelinek to further discuss this issue.

If HB 5622 does not get passed this year, the bill will have to be re-introduced next year and there may not be enough time to get the project finished as one of the criteria for the receipt of grant monies it is to be used before September 30, 2012. Several states have already had to return their grant monies as the projects were not completed by the deadlines established.

During the August 16 LAS meeting, Mr. Hal Martin and Ms. Miller-Brown were asked by the subcommittee members to identify shortcomings in the 9-1-1 statute. Mr. Martin noted that through his research regarding the funding compliance, all enforcement was up to rulemaking. There are currently two rulemakings in progress (Training and MLTS). Some ideas to gain compliance on surcharge contribution would be through the authority of the Treasurer.

It is a challenge to find what providers are out there. The State 9-1-1 Office developed a data base for this data but letters come back with unknown addresses, and inquiries are received regarding providers submitting monies to millage counties, etc. The problem is two-fold – first, knowing who is paying into the fund, but not knowing if everyone who should be paying into the fund, *is actually* paying into the fund and second, are the providers that are subject to our 9-1-1 surcharge actually paying into the fund in a proper manner.

Ms. Miller-Brown discussed prepaid being applicable across the board. The surcharge currently applies to only to CMRS providers and does not apply to services like Magic Jack, VoIP, etc. There will be more and more prepaid services. The prepaid industry is becoming stronger.

Ms. Greenburg indicated there are other answers/ways out there to fund 9-1-1, but just have to be careful how to approach it politically. There is a decrease in revenue and much of it has to do with the changes in technology. Major Bush suggested looking at a long-term funding committee or work group. This would have to support the current network as the system has changed. Need to be ahead of the solutions and issues.

Action items for the next meeting:

- 1) Review the Vermont white paper and other national white papers regarding 9-1-1 funding.
- 2) Discuss the potential of starting a funding committee/subcommittee/work group.

Mr. Loeper discussed an issue that has been going on in Gogebic County and Iron County, Wisconsin regarding an AT&T tower.

The AT&T tower is located in Iron County, Wisconsin and has only Basic 9-1-1. It is a multi-face tower which serves the majority of subscribers in Iron County, Wisconsin. It also serves Gogebic County, Michigan. The tower is not set up for E 9-1-1 so it is not able to pull stats or numbers like E 9-1-1 would.

Iron County, Wisconsin officials tell Mr. Loeper they are in discussions regarding all Wisconsin counties going to E 9-1-1 in the next two years.

Sheriff Gribler noted there was a criminal incident recently where someone was assaulted and the call did not go through E 9-1-1 so there was a huge delay because of this. The victim says that she pays for E 9-1-1 through surcharge and is not getting the service she is paying for. Ms. Anderson from AT&T explained the AT&T routing system.

D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Larry Steckelberg and Ms. Evah Cole from the Department of Treasury discussed acquiring \$150,000.00 to administer the 9-1-1 Fund. They currently do not receive any resources to do this work.

Mr. Steckelberg requested support to make an amendment to HB 5622 seeking a one-time amount of \$150,000.00. Ms. Miller-Brown explained that HB 5622 is for a one time amount of \$1.7 million dollars in matching funds for the ENHANCE 9-1-1 grant. To change it now could jeopardize the support of these monies. She is not opposed to the concept of receipt of monies; she is opposed to anything that could drag down HB 5622. There was inquiry if this amount could come from the State 9-1-1 Office budget. Ms. Miller-Brown indicated that this would place a significant burden on her office budget.

The members present today representing their individual organizations support this concept as long as it does not have a negative impact on the federal dollars available, nor have a negative impact on any agency.

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

F. ADJOURN

Mr. Loeper made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Berry supported. The **MOTION** carries. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.