

STATE 9-1-1 COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE ACTION SUBCOMMITTEE
Michigan State Police Headquarters
1920 Conference Room
Thursday, May 20, 2010
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Pat Anderson, Dale Berry, Marsha Bianconi, Pat Coates, Yvette Collins, Lt. Col. Kriste Etue, Jennifer Greenburg, Sheriff Dale Gribler, Steve Leese, Chris Luty, Jim Loeper, Pam Matelski, Dave Piasecki,

OTHERS PRESENT: F/Lt. Matt Bolger, Sgt. Chris Hawkins

ABSENT: Bob Currier, Lloyd Fayling, Jim Fyvie, Andy Goldberger, Dan Kuhn, Joe VanOosterhout, Dave Vehslage (all w/notice)

A. Roll Call: A quorum was present for today's meeting.

Lt. Col. Etue opened the meeting with self-introductions as there are new members to this subcommittee since its last meeting in 2008.

B. Approval of August 20, 2008, meeting minutes:

Mr. Leese made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of August 20, 2008. Mr. Loeper supported. The **MOTION** carries.

C. Current Legislative Issues: Lt. Col. Etue deferred to Ms. Miller-Brown to talk about current legislative issues.

Regarding HB 5622 - this bill approves the matching funds grant for the ENHANCED 9-1-1 project. It is currently in the House in its 2nd reading. Ms. Greenburg inquired as to why a meeting of this subcommittee was not called when this bill was first introduced. Ms. Miller-Brown explained this particular issue was on a very short time frame including the application process. There were no issues brought before the SNC, also, the SNC had already approved the grant applications and the use of the CMRS funds for the project so she did not believe there were any issues from the Telecommunications Association of Michigan (TAM), or the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). It is necessary for the grant money approved for this project be spent no later than September 30, 2012. Lt. Col. Etue reminded the members the Legislature needs to know this is a grant and any associated bills not approved could result in losing the grant money.

D. Discussion on Future Legislative Issues: Ms. Bianconi inquired about HB 5927 which discusses PSAP consolidation. Mr. Luty stated the Michigan State Police Troopers Association (MSPTA) did not introduce this particular bill but they are in favor of some type of PSAP consolidation. They believe consolidating PSAPs will result in cost savings which could then be used for public safety – i.e. revenue sharing, road patrols, trooper funding, etc. Mr. Luty indicated the MSPTA doesn't know this bill's origins and does not encourage this particular bill to pass. The MSPTA will pursue a different bill asking to develop a committee to investigate PSAP consolidation. He also stated that he is speaking on behalf of the MSPTA and what they believe.

Mr. Piasecki questioned spending 9-1-1 monies on public safety - wouldn't this be spending monies on items that do not fit the criteria of allowable/non allowable expenses.

The MPSTA believes in funding a 9-1-1 system with one single surcharge across all phone lines.

Mr. Berry arrived at 10:15 a.m.

Ms. Greenburg stated that TAM is willing to look at something like this if it saves their customers money and provides efficiencies.

HB 5927 was introduced by Rep. Newman and it looks as though it is going no where. Lt. Col. Etue suggested watching this bill to see what it does in the future.

Mr. Berry said the SNC should study consolidation, but why form another committee when the experts are here on this subcommittee? He stated that removing the barriers to consolidation, i.e. state laws that exist combining work forces and union rules, would be something to look at.

Mr. Bob Bradley from Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet (CCE) talked about how CCE was formed. It is the combination of three counties and was initially formed with efficiencies in mind. They are now exploring virtual ideas and a partnership with the newly formed UP Authority. They have also had inquiries from adjoining counties looking to partner with them.

Lt. Col. Etue added that it is necessary to look at efficiencies and in a broad respect. The subcommittee members are not opposed to consolidation or efficiencies, but HB 5927 would not be the one to support at this time.

Ms. Greenburg made a **MOTION** that the LAS adopt a resolution opposing HB 5927, but to support efficiencies and removal of barriers that impede efficiencies to the 9-1-1 system. Mr. Leese supported. The **MOTION** carries.

Ms. Miller-Brown discussed the handout that she developed with potential issues that need to be addressed in the legislative revision of the 9-1-1 statute. It is necessary to start looking at issues that need to be addressed as the current statute expires December 31, 2014.

- Compel compliance with surcharge contribution – There is nothing in the statute that penalizes providers for not paying 9-1-1 surcharges. The Department of Treasury at times receives one remittance for prepaid and one remittance from contract customers from the providers and other times they receive one large sum. There are providers who do not give the State 9-1-1 office the current information they are requesting and some providers do not even respond to the forms/inquiries sent out from the State 9-1-1 Office. She thinks clear statutory language on payment should be considered in the next legislation

Mr. Luty left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

- Requirement to provide accurate information to the SNC by providers – this would be included in the above issue addressing compliance with surcharge contribution.
- Time limit on ballot proposals – In the past, the citizens would vote every five years to re-approve a particular proposal. For example, there could be a \$3.00 surcharge that could go on indefinitely without bringing it back to the voters if the sunset is extended. A time limit is not required to be on the ballot and not required by statute. It needs to have a definite end-date and renewal requirement.
- Language for prepaid surcharge for all providers not just CMRS - The language currently speaks to CMRS, not prepaid. Need to move that definition to apply to all providers – prepaid, VOiP, etc.
- Treasury Issues – Mr. Larry Steckelberg from the Department of Treasury reported they are requesting some type of reimbursement be available for the administration of the statute. They are suggesting approximately \$150,000 per year to cover the extra costs of administering the distribution portion of the fund. More discussion will be needed on this topic.
- Funding for training standards – The Attorney General representative to the SNC does not believe this to be a Headlee issue but will continue to investigate it. There are thoughts that because the Training Subcommittee has developed a mandatory training program for telecommunicators, additional money will need to be distributed for this program. Lt. Col. Etue stated that law enforcement, which constantly has new requirements placed on them; do not receive new money so why would Headlee apply to the training standards? Ms. Miller-Brown noted that her office researched whether there would be enough money for the training standards as part of the recommendation to MPSC.

- Progress to IP-Based 9-1-1 - The Kimball contract will address issues related to this topic. How to make the decision and to start working with various stakeholders. Ms. Miller-Brown is waiting for confirmation the contract has been extended, then she will begin to gather interested parties to determine how to proceed.

Lt. Col. Etue stated that work groups may be developed to take a closer look at these items. She also suggested this subcommittee meet more frequently. The next SNC meeting is scheduled for mid-September so the next LAS meeting will be scheduled for mid-August.

As part of the upcoming legislative talks, Ms. Greenburg recommended looking at examining the removal 9-1-1 surcharges from telecom billings. Sheriff Gribler inquired about language regarding compliance reviews, perhaps some type of overall compliance review standards for PSAPs.

Mr. Loeper made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Leese supported. The **MOTION** carries. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.