

STATE 911 COMMITTEE
Legislative Action Subcommittee

June 10, 2019
Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Lt. Col. W. Thomas Sands at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call was taken.

Voting Members Present:

Lt. Col. W. Thomas Sands (Chair)
Ms. Patricia Coates
Systems
Ms. Lisa Hall
Ms. Jordyn Sellek
Mr. Steven Berenbaum
Mr. Jeff Troyer
Mr. Bryce Tracy
F/Lt. Jay Poupard

Representing:

Michigan State Police
Courts & Law Enforcement Management Information
Systems
Midland County Central Dispatch
Conference of Western Wayne
AT&T
Appointee, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Mackinac County 911
Michigan State Police

Voting Members Absent:

Ms. Jennifer Greenburg
Ms. April Heinze
Mr. Greg Clark
Mr. Dale Berry
Ms. Cherie Bartram

Representing:

Telecommunications Association of Michigan
Appointee, Speaker of the Senate
Public Member
Huron Valley Ambulance
South East Regional Emergency Services Authority

Non-Voting Members Present:

Ms. Harriet Rennie-Brown
Ms. Kristine Bond
Mr. Joel King
Trp. Nicole McGhee

Representing:

State 911 Office
State 911 Office
Office of the Attorney General
Michigan State Police

B. Meeting Minutes Approval – March 7, 2019

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Bryce Tracy, with support by Ms. Jordyn Sellek, to approve the meeting minutes of March 7, 2019, as presented. With no discussion, the **MOTION** carried.

C. Old Business

1. House Bill 4249 - Multi-Line Telephone Systems (MLTS)

The State 911 Committee (SNC) has remained neutral and there are proposed changes to the House Bill 4249 legislation which currently includes those for small businesses, farms, and churches. The statute would outline the details of the requirements instead of the rules that are currently held by the Michigan Public Service Commission and there would also be a one year extension on the compliance deadline. Thanks were given to those from the Michigan Communications Directors Association (MCDA) who have assisted with the legislation. There is no action required by the Legislative Action Subcommittee (LAS) at this time as the legislation proceeds to the Michigan Senate. LAS/MCDA members Ms. Jordyn Sellek, Ms. Lisa Hall, and Ms. Jordyn Sellek agreed to assist with the revisions to the MLTS guidelines and FAQ once legislation is finalized.

D. New Business

1. Annual Notice Regarding Conflicts of Interest

The notification of the State Ethics Act and Public Entities Act were included in the meeting packet emailed to the LAS members as required by the SNC Bylaws. Members in attendance of the meeting signed acknowledging receipt of the documents. The remaining members will be asked to sign and email back the signature sheet.

2. New Member Consideration

The subcommittee received an application for LAS membership from Mr. Scott Temple who is the Michigan Market Manager for INdigital. Mr. Temple was present and provided a summary of his experience. It was also clarified that Ms. April Heinze recently took a job with the National Emergency Number Association and is no longer with INdigital. The membership request is a single request and not the result of any posting for the LAS membership to fill the recent opening left by Mr. Tim Smith's retirement. Mr. Temple excused himself from the room to allow the subcommittee to discuss his request for membership.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Patricia Coates, with support by Ms. Jordyn Sellek, to approve Mr. Scott Temple as a member to the Legislative Action Subcommittee subject to the approval of the State 911 Committee Chair, Mr. Jeff Troyer. With no discussion, the **MOTION** carried. Ms. Rennie-Brown asked Mr. Temple to rejoin the meeting.

3. Appropriation Related for School Safety

The Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Senate Bill 146 includes an appropriation related to school safety that would impact Michigan's public safety answering points (PSAP). The current SB 146 has been approved by the Michigan Senate.

The legislation contains references to a state contract and a state's current supplemental 911 database. There are neither of these in place. It appears that the current legislation limits schools to a specific product, Panic Button, and may place an unknown financial burden on the schools and the local PSAPs to integrate and provide the vendor specific services. Many schools and PSAPs already have existing products and resources that can be utilized and expanded to interface at a much lower cost to the local communities. The legislation also provides for two automatic payments of the full appropriation funding without any provisions for oversight or metrics and it does not identify how recipients would qualify for the funding.

84 of the 137 PSAPs are participating with Rave Mobile Safety's Smart911 which is used to optimally run the Panic Button application. It was questioned whether there is a Headlee issue with this appropriation. It has been up to local governments to determine whether to participate in Smart911 appropriation. The Michigan State Police's State 911 Office currently has oversight for metrics and payment of the SMART911 appropriation built into the statement of work based on prior work performed. The SMART 911 appropriation has been burdensome based on the significant follow up required to ensure the products fully integrated and running at the PSAP and payment is authorized.

It was also discussed whether there was intent for the MDE legislation of the Panic Button to be blended with MSP's existing statement of work SMART911. However, the terms of the SMART 911 statement of work are specific and do not include the elements of the MDE legislation that would be needed.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Bryce Tracy, with support by Mr. Jeff Troyer, to request the State 911 Committee to issue a letter outlining the concerns and requesting the improvement of SB 146, Section 97 language. This includes references to the contract, concerns to the PSAPs, and the overall metrics and management. It was also requested that the letter also be made available to other 911 groups such as the MCDA. With no further discussion, the **MOTION** carried.

4. Newborn Safety Device (House Bill 4523)

The House Bill 4523 is similar to a bill from last year that was vetoed by the governor. The current legislation has improved by only placing the devices at the hospitals, and not the public safety departments. When an infant is placed in the device, an automatic call to 911 would be activated. This is not permissible under statute. It is not clear why 911 is named as an agency that would be automatically called since public safety is not usually be involved immediately. The required testing of the device twice a day would be burdensome to the PSAPs due to the potential 911 call volume of roughly 96,000 incoming calls a year that would require follow up to verify if were a test or an actual event. In support of the health and welfare of the infant, it may be better to add the hospital security as a second contact and/or perhaps even Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Details were not available, but it is also possible that the MDHHS has concerns with the legislation.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Jordyn Sellek, with support by Mr. Bryce Tracy, to request the State 911 Committee to issue a letter supporting the concept, but identify the concerns. With no further discussion, the **MOTION** carried.

E. Public Comment

None

F. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be August 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Centennial Room at the Michigan State Police Headquarters.

G. Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Patricia Coates, with support by Ms. Jordyn Sellek, to adjourn the meeting. With no discussion, the **MOTION** carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.