



9-1-1 Advisory Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, December 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Headquarters
1310 Elmerton Avenue, Room 112
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

I. Roll Call:

Executive Deputy Director Jeffrey Thomas, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Mr. Jeffrey Boyle, (Acting) Deputy Director 9-1-1, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Major Diane Stackhouse (Designee) Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Police
The Honorable Randy Vulakovich, Chairman, Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee
The Honorable Jay Costa, Minority Chairman of Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate
Mr. Sean Harris (Designee), Chairman of Veterans affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee for the House of Representatives
Ms. Samantha Phillips, (Designee) Mayor of a first class city, City of Philadelphia
Mr. Matt Brown, (Designee) County Executive of a county of the second class, Allegheny County
Mr. Michael Vest (Designee), County Commissioner of second class A, Montgomery County
The Honorable Jim Hertzler, County Commissioner of a county of the third or fourth class, Cumberland County
The Honorable Mark McCracken, County Commissioner of the fifth, sixth, seven, or eighth class, Clearfield County
Mr. Mitchell Yanak, 9-1-1 Coordinator of a city of the first class, Philadelphia County
Mr. Gary Thomas, 9-1-1 Coordinator of a county of the second class, Allegheny County
Ms. Audrey Kenny, 9-1-1 Coordinator of a county of the second class A, Bucks County
Mr. Gary Hoffman, 9-1-1 Coordinator of a county of the third or fourth class, Monroe County
Mr. Chris Clark, 9-1-1 Coordinator of a county of the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth class, Jefferson County
Mr. Frank Jannetti, 9-1-1 Coordinator of a county of the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth county, Mercer County
Mr. David Screven, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Ms. Christine Williams, (Designee), Office of the State Fire Commission
Mr. Frank Baier, (Designee) Governor's Office of Administration
Mr. Albert L. Walker, Police Chief, Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association
Mr. Todd Abromitis, Sergeant, Fraternal Order of Police
Mr. J. David Jones, President, Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council
Mr. Stephen Shaver, Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute
Mr. Scott Krater, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials
Ms. Ann Weller, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association
Mr. Todd Lake, Keystone Emergency Management Association
Mr. Art Martynuska, Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Association

Mr. James Stewart, (Designee) Pennsylvania Wireless Association Mr. Steven Samara,
Pennsylvania Telephone Association
Mr. John Wilkes, Jr., Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors

II. The minutes of the September 22, 2016, 9-1-1 Advisory Board meeting were accepted.

III. 9-1-1 Funding Update

Through the third quarter of 2016, \$237.3 million of 9-1-1 surcharge revenue has been remitted to the Commonwealth. The 9-1-1 Fund remains on pace to generate \$316 million of revenue annually. The average quarterly revenue is \$79.1 million.

A summary of the 2016 Statewide Interconnectivity grant process was provided by Jeff Boyle. \$53.5 million was awarded for statewide interconnectivity projects in 2016; thirty-four (34) out of forty-six (46) applications were funded. An open application process was used in 2016 since a Statewide 9-1-1 Plan, NG9-1-1 Implementation Plan, and 9-1-1 Systems standards were not in place.

In subsequent years, the Statewide 9-1-1 Plan, Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Implementation Plan, and 9-1-1 Systems standards will be leveraged to direct allocations of statewide interconnectivity funding. NG9-1-1 implementation will be expensive. The use of statewide interconnectivity funds for statewide ESInet implementation and call delivery costs will lessen the burden on formula based funds. A tradeoff is that counties must manage formula based funds to meet current and future needs.

The 2017 Eligibility factors List was discussed. No items were eliminated from the 2016 Eligibility Factors List; only additions and clarifications on the Eligible Uses language were made to the 2017 Eligibility Factors List.

A motion was made by Senator Jay Costa and seconded by Mitchell Yanak, Philadelphia 9-1-1 Coordinator. The motion carried unanimously. PEMA adopted the 2017 Eligibility List.

IV. Statewide 9-1-1 Plan

The Statewide 9-1-1 Plan was adopted in September 2016. An update of the year one goals in the Statewide 9-1-1 Plan was provided. Accomplishments in 2016 include:

- Implemented the funding program under Act 12.
- Supported regional interconnectivity initiatives.
- Developed a standards document for network design, security, call delivery and call processing.
- Developed the NG9-1-1 GIS Strategic Plan.
- Developed requirements for a statewide management information system.

V. PA-STARNet Update

Major Diane Stackhouse, Pennsylvania State Police, presented information on the P25 radio system update. Warren County has been chosen for Pilot 1 which is scheduled to be

completed in June 2017. Pilot 2 is scheduled to begin in July 2017 and will include Erie, Crawford and Venango counties.

VI. Sub-committee Reports and Discussion

Audrey Kenny, Bucks County, updated the board on progress by the technical sub-committee. The sub-committee tasks focused on standards for call-delivery, call processing systems and components, ESINet architecture and network design, network security and integrity, and call accounting software (MIS). Prior to the meeting, Board members were provided a final draft of the 9-1-1 System Standards and Requirements.

A motion was made by Senator Vulakovich and seconded by Gary Hoffman, Monroe County 9-1-1 Coordinator. The motion carried unanimously. PEMA adopted the 9-1-1 System Standards and Requirements.

Prior to the meeting, Board members were provided a final draft of the Statewide NG9-1-1 GIS Strategic Plan. Justin Smith, Cumberland County, provided an overview of the NG9-1-1 GIS Strategic Plan.

A motion was made by Chris Clark, Jefferson County 9-1-1 and seconded by Mitchell Yanak, 9-1-1 Coordinator for the Philadelphia County. The motion carried unanimously. PEMA adopted the Statewide NG9-1-1 GIS Strategic Plan.

Mark Rothermel, Dauphin County spoke about the Training and Certification subcommittee. The approach being taken by the group is to adopt the current standards as published by the National Emergency Management Association (NENA) and Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO). The group will continue to develop strategies for training standards.

Robbin Melnyk, Cambria County, led a presentation on the Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) sub-committee and what it has accomplished. The members maintain that the call-processing reviewers need to be trained to at least a minimum standard level. They will work on a process to address those standards.

VII. New Business

The board was presented with a list of proposed meeting dates for the 2017 9-1-1 Advisory Board Meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35.