

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: June 8, 2016
Room 417, Dennis Building
10:00am

SUBJECT: Minutes of SC CMRS Emergency Telephone Advisory Committee Meeting

ATTENDEES: Committee Members - Ted Creech-Chairman (Wireless Rep.), Ben Spearman (Wireline Rep.), David Morrison (RFA), Jim Lake (PSAP Rep.), Jack Maguire (Consumer Rep.), Dent Adams (Wireless Rep.), Katie Morgan (RFA Appointment), Joey Avery (PSAP Rep.) by telephone. Staff - Frank Rainwater (Executive Director RFA), Amy Simpson (RFA) Guests - Phil Penny - Mission Critical Partners, Allen Brandon - York, Jeff Holshouser - Airbus, Alison Senjupta - Lexington, Allyson Burrell - Charleston. Phone Guest - Roger Dangerfield - Dorchester, Cody Odom - Clarendon, Anthony Mack - Clarendon, Tom Barrineau - Clarendon, Mike Flynn - Spartanburg, Sherri Bush - CDI, Christiane Gartlan - Beaufort, Sharmel Miller - Abbeville.

1. Chairman Creech welcomed everyone to the meeting and took roll call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the meeting on March 22nd, 2016
~Ben Spearman made motion to approve the minutes, Joey Avery 2nd the motion. All voted aye, and the minutes were approved.
3. Multi-Line Telephone Systems (MLTS) Legislation
~Chairman Creech addressed David Morrison who turned the meeting over to Allyson Burrell with Charleston County to speak on this agenda item.
 - *Kari's Law originated in Texas. Keri Hunt was attacked by her estranged husband during a child exchange at a hotel in 2013. Because there was no direct dial access to 911 from that hotel's multi-line system, she ultimately passed away from her injuries.
 - *Allyson Burrell is sponsoring similar legislation in South Carolina on behalf of the SC NENA chapter, APCO memberships, and on behalf of Charleston Co. Consolidated Dispatch.
 - *Proposed legislation includes: Direct dial access to 911 from multi-line phone systems, Local onsite notification in the building where the call originates (floor, room number), Authority from local PSAP's if a particular organization with a multi-line phone system wants onsite dispatch capabilities.
 - *Similar legislation was passed on the Federal level by the House of Representatives on May 23rd, 2016 and is currently with the Senate, however, it does not address item #2, local onsite notification. Allyson addressed the committee asking for their support on a State level for South Carolina.
 - *The direct dial access to 911 is a feature most businesses already have that can be activated through their service providers. The proposed legislation on the Federal level includes a "Grandfather" clause that would not force business to incur costs in order to upgrade their phone system if they do not already have the service but upon upgrading their system and transitioning to new equipment if they did not already have it, at that time it would be required. Ben Spearman agreed it was a great idea and would support it, however he would like to see some sort of impact statement on cost to the vendors and business before he endorsed the legislation.
 - *There was additional discussion among the committee members. Allyson agreed to get more information concerning cost analysis and impact statements.
 - *The committee commended Allyson on her work thus far and look forward to hearing more from her on this in the future.

4. Strategic Plan

~Chairman Creech thanked Jim Lake, David Morrison, and Frank Rainwater for their presentation to the RFA Board members at their last meeting.

*Frank Rainwater stated that the goal was to be able to present to the RFA Board at the October meeting that the 2017 Wireless Surcharge fee that they'll be setting is in line with where we need to be when planning for NG911 in South Carolina.

*Mr. Rainwater stated he is confident in the leadership of the CMRS Committee and with the different Sub-Committees that have been established, that all issues surrounding NG911 will be addressed.

*From this discussion, the Committee moved into the next agenda item.

5. Introduction to the Sub-Committee Members

~ Chairman Creech thanked those participating in the 3 Sub-Committee's; Legislative, Fiscal, and GIS.

*Mr. Creech asked if anyone saw a need for any additional Sub-Committee's. Jim Lake suggested we would benefit from a Training Sub-Committee, David Morrison agreed and added that in the Town Hall meetings held throughout the State that was always a topic that was mentioned. David agreed to send out information asking for volunteers to help organize that Committee.

* Chairman Creech reminded everyone as we move into a new fiscal year that there are several terms ending in 2016 on the CMRS Advisory Committee. He asked Mr. Rainwater if there were any positions that were not eligible for re-appointment. Mr. Rainwater asked the Governor's Office this question and initially they gave an indication that all could be reappointed, however, he found something in the Statute that he asked them to research because it may effect a couple of Committee Members. He advised that as soon as he heard back he would let them know. He added that with all the hard work ahead with NG911 legislation, he hoped all the Committee members would continue their work, however, if there was anyone who was not planning on or able to continue to serve on the Committee to please let him know so a replacement could be appointed.

*Katie Morgan suggested the Sub-Committee Chair persons routinely check in with each other so everyone remains on the same page.

6. CMRS Activity Statement

~Chairman Creech asked Mr. Morrison to verbally explain for those who were new on the Committee and as a refresher for everyone, how the fund works, the different allocations on the Activity Statement, and the fund balance.

*Mr. Morrison presented a flow chart showing how the funds were collected and distributed.

*The Wireless and Pre-Paid 911 fee for the State of South Carolina is \$0.62. The funds are collected monthly from the WSP's or at the point of sale for Pre-Paid who then remit those funds to the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue does an appropriations transfer to the CMRS 911 fund. 39.8% is allocated for PSAP services based on their wireless calls per quarter, 58.2% is for Compliance Costs remitted back to the PSAP's and WSP's based on expenses incurred, 2% is for Board Operations.

*Over the last few years, the fund balance has steadily decreased based on more requests for cost recovery from PSAP's, more items have been added to the reimbursable items list, as well as an increase in the percentage amount for those reimbursable items.

7. Other Items and Questions

~There were no other Items or Questions from the Committee or Audience.

~With no further business pending, Jim Lake made motion to adjourn, Jack Maguire 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is to be determined.

Attachments: Agenda, Meeting Materials

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at <http://rfa.sc.gov/e911>

These minutes were approved on 9/20/16.



Amy Simpson