

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**Date:** March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
Rembert Dennis Building / Room 417

**Subject:** Minutes of the South Carolina 911 Advisory Committee Meeting

**Attendees:** *Committee Members* – Mike Flynn – PSAP Rep. Spartanburg County, Mitch Fulmore – PSAP Rep. Florence County, Rick Blackwell – PSAP Rep. Greenville County, Melony Burgess – Wireless Rep. FTC, Sharon O’Bryant – Wireline Rep. Piedmont Rural Telephone, David Morrison – RFA SC 911 Program Manager, Adam DeMars – GIS Expert/RFA. *Staff* – Paul Athey, Michael Ball, Amy Simpson, Kathryn Kelley, and Monica Russell. Ken Roper – Pickens County (SC Assoc. of Counties), arrived after roll call.

*Note: Meeting information and log-in instructions are posted on the RFA website, and in the Rembert Dennis Building.*

- I. Chairman Blackwell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken for the record; eight committee members were in attendance.
- II. Chairman Blackwell presented the February 21st, 2023 meeting minutes and asked if any members had edits or questions. Hearing none, Mike Flynn motioned to approve the minutes; Adam DeMars seconded the motion and remaining members voted aye. Chairman Blackwell declared the minutes approved as written. *(See minutes)*
- III. ESInet Implementation Update
  - Michael Ball presented the following items:
    - SC Statewide ESInet – 2023 Statistics
      - Physical PSAP Count – 29
      - Hosted CHE/CPE Count – 19
      - Circuit Count – 86
      - On-Premise CHE/CPE Count – 10
      - Maximum Network Bandwidth Usage – 11%
      - 9-1-1 Call Count, January – February 2023 – 93,284
    - SC Statewide ESInet Overview
      - Group 5 Migration dates are complete for Jasper, Hampton, and McCormick Counties. Remaining PSAPs in group 5 are on schedule.
      - Group 6 tentative migration dates are on schedule and will begin on May 2, 2023, starting with Clarendon County and continue through the end of July. Lee and Sumter PSAPs may be postponed due to circuit installation delays at both sites. New tentative dates for Lee and Sumter have been added in July 2023 should that occur.
      - ESInet Deployment Status map view outlining an overview of the PSAPs on the statewide ESInet and planned PSAP migrations scheduled for the remainder of 2023.
- IV. Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

- David Morrison addressed the committee stating each year the second week of April is designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week.
  - Sponsored by APCO International and celebrated annually to honor the thousands of men and women who answer emergency 911 calls.
    - A letter will be sent on behalf of the 911 Advisory Committee to Governor McMaster requesting a formal proclamation recognizing South Carolina’s Telecommunicators.

V. Telecommunicator Reclassification

- Last year a bill to reclassify telecommunicators was introduced and was sent to the 3M committee for review. The committee requested a fiscal impact, and the results of the impact were undetermined as PEBA reported additional information was needed on the implementation of identifying 911 professionals and which benefits they will be entitled to receive.
  - Legislation was reintroduced this year, and the bill resides in the Ways and Means Committee for consideration. (Telecommunicator Reclassification (H. 3345) [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125\\_2023-2024/bills/3345.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125_2023-2024/bills/3345.htm))
  - The bill is sponsored by Representatives J.L. Johnson (Hopkins), Brian Lawson (Chesnee), Dennis Moss (Gaffney), Craig Gagnon (Abbeville), and Bill Hixon (N. Augusta)
- Committee members encouraged members of the PSAP community to contact their representatives in support of the bill. Additionally, Chairman Blackwell stated APCO & NENA have arranged to hold a “Legislative Day” for next year’s session so that members of the PSAP community could meet with legislators to show their support.

VI. Aerial Imagery Project

- Adam DeMars presented the committee with an update and provided the following information:
  - Aerial Imagery is now complete for the entire state. He anticipates a preliminary review of the imagery collected to begin in the next week.

VII. Other Items / Discussion

- David Morrison recognized new RFA staff member, Monica Russell, and introduced her to the committee.
- Sam Gaither inquired on the status of bill (H. 3345) and where it currently stands. Mr. Morrison explained that the bill is currently with the House and would not progress to the Senate unless/until it passes the House.
- Sandy Purdy asked if the Telecommunicator Reclassification bill would provide the same benefits as other First Responders regarding retirement, income cap, etc. in addition to changing their classification from “clerical” to “First Responder”. Mr. Morrison confirmed that language was in the bill.

VIII. Adjournment

*Mike Flynn motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ken Roper seconded the motion and all members voted aye to adjourn the meeting at 10:19am.*

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at: <http://rfa.sc.gov> and in the Rembert Dennis Building.

These Minutes were approved on May 16, 2023.

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Amy Simpson  
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