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911 GOES TO BELLEVUE



The annual Nebraska APCO/NENA conference was again the site of all things 911, as representatives from the PSC state 911 Department, FirstNet, NRIN, and the Nebraska State Radio System Partnership provided updates during the “911 Goes to Bellevue” forum.

State 911 Department Director Dave Sankey told participants the passage of LB993 during the past legislative session gave the green light for the state to move forward with the implementation of NG911. The new law, created the 911 Service System Advisory Committee, merged the E911 fund with the 911 Service System fund and gave the go ahead for the 911 Service System Act, Next Generation 911 plan.

“With the passage of LB993, our energy is now focused on the implementation of NG911 in Nebraska,” State 911 Director Dave Sankey

The PSC is currently in the process of issuing Request For Proposals (RFPs) and recently awarded the GIS Quality Assurance/Quality Control contract to West Safety Services. An RFP has been issued for an implementation Consultant and RFP’s will be released for vender-hosted solutions to create the Nebraska ESInet, provide NG911 Core services and purchase 911 related equipment.

The 911 Goes to Bellevue forum kicked-off the annual Association of Public Safety Communication Officials/National Emergency Number Association, Nebraska Chapter APCO/NENA conference held each October. This year’s event took place in Sarpy County, at the Beardmore Event Center in Bellevue.



State 911 Dir. Dave Sankey Talks NG911



Gov. Mike Foley Kicks-off the 911 Goes to Bellevue Session



Lesia Dickson Provides a FirstNet Update



Buffalo County Sheriff Neal Miller Introduces the Presenters



Sue Krogman & Tim Hofbauer provide the latest on NRIN

DIRECTOR'S DESK:



The past year has been an exciting one for the future of 911 in our state. We have accomplished a lot and we have done it together.

The stage was set, when in December 2017, the PSC presented the 911 Service System (Next Generation 911 Master Plan) to a joint session of the legislature's Transportation & Telecommunications and Appropriations Committees. Senator Curt Friesen, Chair of the Transportation & Telecommunications Committee then sponsored Legislative Bill (LB) 993, which allowed the Commission to proceed with the 911 Service System Act and the implementation of Next Generation 911 (NG911) in Nebraska. The bill was prioritized by Lincoln Senator Suzanne Geist, approved by the Unicameral in March and signed into law by Gov. Ricketts in April.

Since then it has been full steam ahead with the implementation of NG911 in Nebraska. The 911 Service System Advisory Committee was formed and its members have held two meetings to date. The PSC continues the process of issuing and approving Request for Proposals (RFP's) for key services needed as we move the implementation process forward.

While 2018 was a year full of milestones, there is still much work to be done. I encourage everyone with a stake or interest in 911 and its future in Nebraska to continue to stay engaged in the process by attending committee meetings and reaching out to the PSC State 911 Department with any questions.

E911 ADVISORY BOARD HOLDS FINAL MEETING OF 2018

The fourth and final meeting of the E911 Advisory Board in 2018 was held in Bellevue on Monday, Oct. 29. The meeting was held at the Beardmore Event Center in Bellevue, prior to the start of the three-day APCO/NENA conference.

During the meeting, board members were provided an update on Next Generation 911. They also approved 25 funding requests, many of which were related to GIS needs. Board members also voted to recommend to the Commission that the surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund remain at \$0.45 for the coming year (2019). The board set its next meeting for 10:00 a.m. January 16 in the PSC Hearing Room

Commissioner Tim Schram then joined board members to present a token of appreciation to chair Julie Righter-Dove for her service to the citizens of Nebraska. Righter-Dove has served 12-years on the board. Her term on the board expires at the end of the year.



COMMISSION ISSUES ORDER SETTING WIRELESS 911 SURCHARGE FOR 2019

On Tuesday, November 27, the PSC issued an Order that would keep the surcharge for the 911 Service System Fund at forty-five cents (\$0.45) per active telephone number or functional equivalent, per month, effective January 1, 2019.

The Order followed a November 19 hearing in which comments in favor of keeping the surcharge at its present level were provided by State 911 Director David Sankey and Loel Brooks representing Viaero.

The 911 wireless surcharge has remained at its current level of \$0.45 since 2013.

HOLZERLAND, CORDLE HONORED BY

Congratulations to Shelly Holzerland and Troy Cordle, both honored with the 2018 Laura Becker Memorial Award by the Nebraska Emergency Service Communications Association (NESCA) during its annual fall conference held in Grand Island.

Named for past NESCA President Laura Becker who was killed in a car crash in 2008, the award is presented to a person or persons whose hard work and benefit to the organization was unparalleled.

NESCA



Shelly Holzerland & Troy Cordle Honored with NESCA Laura Becker Memorial

SECOND MEETING OF 911 SERVICE SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD

From approving by-laws to electing a chair and vice-chair, the members of the 911 Service System Advisory Committee (911SSAC) got down to business during their second meeting held on Oct. 24, in the PSC hearing room in Lincoln. Committee members will make recommendations to the PSC on matters concerning the implementation, coordination, operation, management, maintenance and funding of the 911 Service System as the state transitions to Next Generation 911.



Buffalo County Sheriff Neal Miller was elected chair, while Sarpy County Director of Administrative Services Stu DeLaCastro was elected vice-chair. State 911 Director Dave Sankey provided the committee with an historical view of 911 funding in Nebraska. Members also received a demonstration of the Emergency Call Tracking System (ECaTS).



The Committee will hold its next meeting at the PSC in Lincoln beginning at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 16.

STATE 911 GIS SPECIALIST ENGAGES STUDENTS IN MAPPING

Maps play an important role in our lives and their fun to make. That was the message State 911 Department GIS Specialist Kea Morovitz delivered to Mrs. Gasseling's first grade class at Lincoln's Cavett Elementary.

Morovitz talked about the history of mapping and how it has changed in today's mobile society. The students also learned how a compass works and how to make a pirate map.



MEET YOUR STATE 911 TEAM

If you deal with GIS and the PSC, you probably already know Kea Morovitz. Kea is our 911 GIS Specialist providing guidance in GIS best practices, standards and education. She is involved in gathering statewide GIS data and transforming it into a usable database format for the NG911 system. Currently Kea is a member of the State Boundaries and Street Centerline working groups, as well as the chair of the state GIS Council.

Kea and her husband, have a 6-year old son. They enjoy Taekwondo, traveling and spending time together as a family.



9-1-1 NOTES

Approval given for use of funds for Regionalization

In October, the PSC issued an [Order](#) allowing for 100% of costs incurred by a PSAP in order to join a region be eligible for funding from monies in the 911 Service System Fund, including but not limited to funds held in a PSAPs set-aside account. Interested PSAPs must still submit a fund usage request to the PSC. Fund usage requests or questions related to the Order can be emailed to the PSC @ psc.psap@nebraska.gov

Spending for Text-to-911 Extended

The PSC has issued an [Order](#) extending spending by PSAPs on Text to 911 indefinitely. If a PSAP has used up its text-to-911 funding and needs to request more, the PSAP will need to fill out a new [text-to-911 funding request](#). Should your PSAP have questions about the Order or text-to-911 funding email us @ psc.psap@nebraska.gov

9-1-1 General Questions or Comments

Have a general question or comment regarding E9-1-1? Email us @ < psc.psap@nebraska.gov > our knowledgeable and experienced staff will work to answer your question or provide you information in a timely manner.

Helping to Keep You Informed by Sharing Information

From outages to pranks targeting 9-1-1 systems, the PSC is working to share information with PSAPs across Nebraska. We plan to continue to share information as a way of raising awareness. We also invite you to connect with us on social media. Like us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) @NEPSCNG911/ [Twitter](#) @NEB_PSC or visit the PSC website @< www.psc.nebraska.gov >.



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