

WIRELESS E-911 SERVICES BOARD

November 15, 2000

10:00 a.m.

Department of Information Technology
4th Floor Auditorium
Richmond Plaza Building
110th South 7th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Members Present: Jerry Simonoff, Chairman
Edward Coglio
Captain John Furlough
James McDonnell
William E. Landside
Chief Julian Taliaferro
Terry Hall

Off-site Members: Sheriff Ron Oakes (speaker phone from Wise Co office building)

Members Absent: Robert W. Woltz, Jr.
Ralph Jones (Fred Vincent; in lieu of)
Chief Henry Stanley (Cpt Mary Ellen Fahed; in lieu of)
Melvin Breeden

Staff Present: Steve Marzolf, Coordinator
Mel Sheridan, Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Jerry Simonoff, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wireless E-911 Services Board (hereafter referred to as the Board) to order at 10:10 a.m., Mr. Simonoff welcomed all in attendance. The Chairman informed the Board that Sheriff Oakes was participating by an off-site speakerphone in a public access conference room in the Wise County Administrative Building. Mr. Simonoff confirmed that Sheriff Oakes was on the line with two-way audio.

The Chairman briefed the Board that unfortunately there was not a quorum; off-site attendees could not be counted as part of a quorum. The Board agreed to continue the meeting with the understanding that no formal action on any issues could be taken.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of October 20, 2000 was tabled until the next meeting.

Steve Marzolf briefed the Board with respect to proposed FY 02 Wire line Grant Guidelines for PSAPs. Five different topic areas relative to these guidelines were covered (see attachments). Mr. Marzolf then briefed the Board on the list of 20 PSAPs that do not have E-911 capabilities. In addition, he briefed on a second list of 9 PSAPs that utilize a CALLS System (an unscrubbed Automatic Location Identification) in their communications center to provide caller location.

Comment was solicited from the audience and 5 different individuals came forward to speak. Mr. Marzolf then read a letter (attached) submitted to the Board from Allegany County relative to these issues. The Board conducted a general discussion of these issues with the following points being made:

- 1) Funds currently allocated by the General Assembly (\$1.4 million) will be insufficient to meet the collective need for each of the identified counties as briefed.
- 2) The Board needs to determine if the CALLS System equipment meets the “enhanced” standard as defined by statute. Agreed that staff should include language outlining facts referencing both E-911 standards and CALLS in the required report to the General Assembly (due NLT Dec 1, 00).
- 3) The Board needs to select a methodology to determine a county’s ability to help pay for the installation of E-911 with potential options including the Composite Index, line user count and/or surcharge based calculations. The Board agreed that staff should include facts referencing each option in the report to the General Assembly.

Old Business

Steve Marzolf discussed the issue relative to whether PSAPs would be permitted to come before the Board during the year to request adjustments to their funding allocation or be required to wait until True-up, after general discussion the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

Terry Hall brought to the Board’s attention that two jurisdictions in eastern Virginia, Suffolk and Chesapeake, had been notified of previously unforecast large expenses from a CMRS that did not offer both CAS and NCAS Phase I solutions; following discussion, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Steve Marzolf briefed the Board on the State Police FY 01 request that had been received (see attached), issue tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1153 hrs

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew M. Sheridan
Public Safety Communications Analyst
Department of Technology Planning

Approved by Board: _____
(date)