



Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council NG911 Meeting

June 13, 2017

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Attendees

Members: Clay Stamp (Chairman), Mike Berna, John Butler, Timothy Cameron, Richard DeVore Jr., Jonathan Favorite, Ronald Gill, Joseph LaFleur, Jennifer Martin, Tom Moran, Howard Safir, Stephen Wantz, David Willenborg. *Guests:* Cal Bowman (GOHS), Julia Fischer (DoIT), John (Jack) Markey (Frederick County Emergency Manager), Drake McGraw (DMIL), Anthony Myers (ENSB), Scott Roper (ENSB). *MEMA:* Terry Thompson, Lydia Simonaire.

Meeting Notes

The Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC) special meeting began with a welcome from Chairman Stamp and introduction of Scott Roper, Executive Director of the Emergency Number Systems Board, Anthony Myers, Chairman of the Emergency Number Systems Board, Jack Markey, Director of Emergency Management for Frederick County, and Julia Fischer, Geographic Information Officer from the Maryland Department of Information Technology.

Chairman Stamp shared that given the Council's charge to advise the Governor on all matters related to emergency management, the purpose of the meeting was to engage with the Emergency Number Systems Board (ENSB) to better understand Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) and identify ways that the Council could help to support the ENSB on this issue moving forward.

Mr. Roper and Mr. Myers provided the Council with an overview of NG911 and briefing on Maryland's anticipated transition to NG911 (slides and notes attached).

The following questions/considerations were raised during the discussion:

- What is the current risk level/is Maryland moving at an appropriate speed to transition to NG911?
 - o Maryland is in a good position; started making considerations to move towards NG911 a decade ago; current/proposed projects must be NG911 compatible
 - o Want to ensure that we are fully ready/prepared and learn from best practices/lessons learned before transitioning; there will be a transition period with both systems running both at same time

- The National Capital Region (NCR) is 10-12 months ahead of Maryland in terms of procurement process; Maryland NCR counties are involved
- Currently there is no "gold standard" for NG 911 system
 - System should be built from local level vs. broad state imposed network
- Challenges of moving to IT solution: hack potential greatly magnified; who is going to certify 911 center in county, who deals with interoperability issues
- Are Maryland public-safety answering points (PSAP) moving to the cloud? Storage ramifications of picture/video; security considerations
 - Cyber security of network will be managed by provider, statewide; cybersecurity biggest concern, still working to address
- Is there a national encryption standard for data at rest/data in motion?
 - NEMS has developed (voluntary) standards

Chairman Stamp asked Mr. Roper and Mr. Myers to share ways in which the Council could help support/advise the Governor on the transition. Mr. Roper and Mr. Myers advised that they were not in a position to identify specific legislative/funding changes currently, but that they would keep the Council apprised moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 3pm.

