

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY 911
EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 5, 2020
1:00 – 2:00 P.M. (via ZOOM)**

Those in attendance: Brian Rutledge, Rudy Sacchet, Tim Weigle, Peggy Clark, Dave Casto, Tim Gladis,

Due to the nature of the meeting being held virtually the meeting was called to order by 911 Coordinator Brian Rutledge followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes distributed from previous meeting with no additions or corrections
Motion to except minutes by Gladis 2nd Mason- all in favor

Brian reviewed the Wireline and Wireless 911 Fund balances to date. (See attached agenda)
Rudy made motion to accept, Casto 2nd all in favor

The RFP has moved to the awarding stage however, a vendor has not been made public yet. The contract will not be official until the funding is secured. The ESINet Committee met last week and agreed to send the current language for funding over to the legislature. The committee agreed upon a .25 Universal Fee on any device that can be used to contact 911. With making it a Universal Fee and finding unreported devices there is enough funding. This was heavily discussed during the ESINet meeting and it will still make Ohio one of the lowest in the country.

The Federal Grant first round that was awarded for TEXT2911 continues to be delayed because of both COVID and the elections. The state put a freeze on any work to the SOC in Columbus where the circuits are to be installed. The current hope is to have them installed and moving forward with texting by the first of the year. The second round of the Federal Grant is for the back-up PSAP. The consoles have been ordered and just waiting on scheduling. The scheduling has been tough because of COVID.

Regarding COVID response- 911 and EMA continue to work with First Responders to make sure everyone has adequate PPE. Brian continues to get a list from Health Dept. of positive cases and enters them into CAD. Brian thanked each of the PSAP's for working the best they can to keep COVID out of the PSAP's.

Brian is just about wrapped up with the EMD training of 2 of the 3 dispatchers. There was notice sent out to 4 dispatchers that have certifications expiring later this month.

The state has a committee that is reviewing the PSAP Operation Rules that are due for JACAR review next May. There are several changes that will bring about changes to the PSAP in OAC 5507. The big change will be making sure EOP's and COOP plans are written to make sure the call gets answered and what will be done with that call.

Brian wanted to recognize and Thank Chief Tim Gladis for his many years of service to the City of Columbiana and the County's 911 Committee. He has added a great deal of experience and knowledge to the committee and hope he enjoys his retirement. Although not on the call,

Sheriff Ray Stone was also recognized for his retirement and contributions he has made over the years to the 911 Committee.

Both men were wished a Happy Retirement by many of the participants on the call.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2021 @ 1pm at the EMA office. (pending COVID restrictions)

Motion to adjourn by Gladis 2nd by Mason, all in favor

Columbiana County 911