

**State 9-1-1 ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 29, 2009

I. Attendees

Ken Keim, ENP	State 9-1-1 Program
Shannon Marheine, ENP	State 9-1-1 Program
Mark Tennyson	State 9-1-1 Program
Gillien Duvall	State 9-1-1 Program
Laura Wolfe	PSAP Metro/I5 Region
Ann Rakosi	PSAP Coastal Region
Terry Swearingen	LEC – Qwest
John Sneed, Deputy Director	OEM
Ken Murphy, Director	OEM

Present via Telephone Conference

Leslie Taylor	PSAP Metro/I5 Region
Larry Hatch, ENP	PSAP Metro/I5 Region
Mark Buchholz	PSAP Metro/I5 Region
Lynn Reeves, ENP	PSAP Metro/I5 Region
Margie Puckett, RPL	PSAP Central South Region
April Stream	PSAP Central North Region
Diane Carlson	LEC – Verizon
Hasina Squires	Oregon APCO/NENA Advocate
Tim Best	PSAP Eastern Region
Galen Howard	LCOG
Kristie Wilde	Central Lane
Pam Collett	Central Lane

II. Diversion of 9-1-1 Funds

Laura Wolfe, APCO President, began a discussion on the proposed 8.1 million dollar diversion of 9-1-1 Funds. She mentioned that Tami Atkinson, former APCO/NENA President was informed by Pat Haley of NENA about the Federal NET ACT 2008, that states *VoIP* and *wireless* could not be taxed if funds collected are diverted to uses other than 9-1-1. She learned that the Governor's office disagreed with this. Shannon asked Laura to clarify that the statement was a rumor and that the Governor's office had not yet replied to the letter formally. Laura confirmed. Laura recommend that the committee be proactive and submit a letter asking for the AG's opinion on the Federal Act.

Larry Hatch mentioned that he recently attended the Governor's Fire Safety Board meeting where the budget was explained, and Joe O'Leary, Governor's office, stated that even if the act had merited the diversion of funds could be from the landline taxes. Larry asked Ken Keim; "how do they know how much

Wireless & VOIP comprises?" Ken responded that it has been said that it is 42% but he questions the accuracy of that amount. Laura stated that she has not received a response to the letter that she sent. Regardless of this, she recommended again that a letter be drafted to OEM requesting the AG's opinion on this Federal Act and how it would impact Oregon.

Hasina recommended that the letter needs to go to General Caldwell directly. Ken K. & Shannon both recommended that the letter should be addressed to Ken Murphy at OEM, then onto Caldwell. John Sneed, Deputy Director, OEM, agreed that the letter should be addressed to Ken Murphy, who will then see that it is passed on to General Caldwell. John agreed that there needs to be legal clarity on this issue.

Lynn Reeves asks if there would be another path to push the letter through faster than having it float through OEM. Shannon explained that it would be more expeditious to go through OEM. John Sneed assured Lynn that it would be a one or two day turn around. He ensured the group that OEM management see's BG Caldwell on a daily basis. Shannon encouraged Laura to get started on the letter, sign-it and get it back to our office as soon as possible to ensure as speedy a response as possible. Laura stated that she will start writing the draft today. Laura welcomed any comments and asked if there were any more questions? Galen added that it would be prudent to identify specific parts of the law. John concurred and added that he felt that she should include the Annual Fee Accountability Report portion.

III. Bill submitted on behalf of Verizon

Ken K. asked Diane Carlson, Verizon, if she was aware of a VoIP bill submitted on behalf of Verizon? Diane responded that she is not aware of this and will do some checking around. Ken went on to say that the Bill makes it look like Verizon does not want any regulations for VoIP services. Shannon added that she agrees with Ken's interpretation and that the language is very generalized. Galen added that the FCC mandates that VOIP Providers have to provide 9-1-1 so this language is contradicting that mandate. Ken K. stated that he will be inquiring with NASNA to find out what if any information other states have on this topic.

Galen asked if there is any other information that Hasina may have for us. Hasina responded that there was no new info at this time, and when she gets information she sends it on at that time.

IV. PSAP Surveys

Galen asked Laura about the PSAP Surveys and she stated that she had not received a good response. Laura went on to stress the importance of gathering the information from what the locals are doing because the legislature may be looking at the counties and especially the one's with multiple PSAPs. We need to prepare and be proactive. Things are

happening with our PSAPs that our advocates may not know; including efficiencies PSAPs have made. We need to show the ways that the PSAPs are backing up each other and how they work together to provide a better level of 9-1-1 service, to show them how we are spending our dollars wisely. Ken K. added that the consolidation issue is nationwide. He advised that if he hears anything new on this that he will pass it along to the group.

V. State Budget

Laura then posed a question to OEM about the budget forecast. Ken M. responded that he just left a meeting where this was discussed. Basically, everything is in a holding pattern. There will be no more info on this until February 20th. The revenue forecast could show even more of a shortfall than has previously been stated. At this time the State is waiting on a Federal Stimulus Package. The Federal Package then raises an issue of tax relief vs. tax revenue. This package will not hit until July 1st, which will be the next biennium. The State of Oregon Stimulus Package will be on the Governors desk for signature next week. Mark Buchholz questioned Ken M. on how the federal "tax relief" would affect Oregon "tax revenue?" Ken M. responded that he would have to get a more definitive answer for this question and that he will pass that on to the whole group.

VI. Open Discussion

Ken M. provided the group with an update regarding House Senate Bill 2-1-1. There will be funding provided through Congressional Language Grants. In 2010 they will receive 150 million and then over the next 2-3 years 100 million. This was headed up by Hillary Clinton and has the support of Senator Wyden.

Shannon ended the meeting with a reiteration of a "to do" list. Laura will draft a letter to Ken Murphy regarding the request for an AG's opinion, Ken Keim will be sending out a copy of the Verizon VoIP house bill, and Ken Murphy will get a break down of the possible Federal Tax relief affect on Oregon tax revenues.