

# Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council (NPSCC)

June 30, 2021; 10:00 AM (CDT) Business Meeting – Webinar

## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome – Sue Krogman, Acting Chair for Lt. Governor Foley

Sue Krogman kicked off the meeting since the Lt. Governor is not able to attend.

### 2. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
VOTING MEMBERS			
Mike	Foley	Lt. Governor	No
Sue	Krogman	SWIC	X
Bill	Muldoon	Tri-County PET Region	X
Joel	Smith	Southwest PET Region	No
Steve	Cody	Otoe County EMA	No
Lynn	Rex	League of Municipalities	No
Kevin	Garvin	Northeast PET Region	X
Heidi	Gillespie	Panhandle PET Region	No
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central PET Region	X
Adam	Matzner	State Fire Marshal	No
Tom	Nutt	Nebraska Association of County Officials	No
Mark	Rempe	North Central PET Region	X
Jon	Rosenlund	South Central PET Region	No
Kevin	Ryan	Nebraska State Patrol	X
Jayne	Scotfield	Office of the Chief Information Officer	X
Travis	Shepler	Game and Parks Department	X
Craig	Stover	Game and Parks Department	No
Bryan	Tuma	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	X
Lon	Renner	Nebraska Public Power District	No
EX-OFFICIO			
Dave	Sankey	Nebraska Public Service Commission	X
Ed	Toner	Office of the Chief Information Officer	X

*Others in attendance: Alyssa Sanders, Dave Collett, Troy Harris, Andy Sackreiter, Neil Miller, Pam Kemper, Rod Zeigler*

### 3. Open Meetings Act information – verification of special dispensation from Lt. Governor

Sue Krogman called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM CDT and verified the public notice and availability of copy of law in the meeting location – NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 THROUGH 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007). The meeting was posted on the state calendar and is subject to the emergency order allowing the meeting to be conducted by virtual conferencing.

### 4. \*Approval of Minutes

Mark Rempe made a motion to approve the March 26, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kevin Garvin; the motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote with no abstaining

votes and no dissenting votes.

## 5. \*Committee Reports

### - **SRS – Pam Kemper, Office of the CIO**

- Pam Kemper provided an updated map on local dispatch centers and connections with the State Radio System. All of the dispatch centers can communicate with each other through the talk group, allowing for interoperability. There are 176 agencies currently using the State Radio System. There are 15 federal agencies, 14 state agencies, 2 state dispatch centers, and 22 local dispatch centers, 67 local law enforcement agencies, 32 emergency management agencies, 20 fire and rescue agencies, 3 public utility agencies, 2 railroad security agencies and 12 medical response and health service agencies that operate on the state system. There are 11,831 total IDs on the system as of today. In May 2021, there was about 1.35 million push to talk usage. There are SRS booths at local conferences to share information and answer questions about the system including the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management conference and the upcoming Nebraska Sheriff Association/Police Officer Association of Nebraska conference.

### - **ESINet – Dave Sankey, State 911 Director**

- Dave Sankey reported on ESINet and shared a statewide map. He provided an update on the RFP process and signing of the contract with Lumen. They have been working on how the system will be deployed across the state. The schedule for deployment across the seven PSAP regions will start with the South Central/Panhandle region (October/November 2021), Metro region (end of 2021), and then moving to the North Central region, East Central region, Mid East region, Northeast region, and the Southeast region. The PSAPs continue to form into these seven regions. They are working with each region to determine how the call routing will be set up. They are hoping to connect a new region to ESINet every couple months. All of the PSAPs should be connected by the end of 2022. They are continuing to develop the statewide GIS data set so they can geo-locate calls. They are working on statewide training standards and a statewide certification program.

### - **SECC – Rod Zigler**

- The FCC has decided to conduct a national test again this year for all TV, radio, and cable companies. Nebraska is ahead of the recommendation that states have a SECC. They are working on the annual plan. There will be three retirements on the SECC at the end of the year, and they will bring it back to the NPSCC at that time.

### - **FirstNet Update**

- **Sue Krogman, SWIC**
- **Neil Miller, Sheriff, Buffalo County**
- The state filed the papers to close out the grant that funded the FirstNet process across the state. The Federal government added a year because of COVID, but that grant has now come to an end. Meetings will be rotating around the state. Neil Miller reported we have seen significant buildout on the FirstNet network. Now there is better coverage with FirstNet than there is with Verizon and some agencies have migrated all their

devices to FirstNet. FirstNet allows back up to tower sites for 911 centers. Now the effort will turn to informing people about the capabilities of FirstNet and how it is different from cellular services. The Board of Directors of FirstNet are government officials and the focus of FirstNet is coverage not profit.

- **NAWAS Update – Troy Harris**

- Troy Harris provided an update on the national warning system, a FEMA-provided landline system on 32 hops across the state. The original intent of NAWAS was to warn the nation in the event of a nuclear attack. One of the functions now is to communicate weather warnings from the National Weather Service. When NEMA moved locations, it was necessary to create redundancy in the system. NAWAS continues to be functional and is not going away. If users have problems with their NAWAS, they should be reported to Troy.

- **AT&T Build-out Update - Andy Sackreiter, AT&T**

- Andy Sackreiter reported that people can review the coverage on their web site. He will be in town for the NENA/APCO conference in October. They planned on building 343 sites and have only one left to build; all the equipment is brand new so has increased functionality. There are now more sites in the plan and will be brought up this year including a couple sites at Offutt. They are analyzing data to determine gaps in coverage and will be planning additional sites to address these gaps. The system allows special devices to be operated at high power.

- **NRIN Build-out – Sue Krogman, SWIC**

- Sue Krogman reported on the buildout of NRIN and shared a map of current progress. Currently have been working in the Southeast Region. Work has also been done in western Nebraska; Alliance is using NRIN for the last mile connection with the State Radio System. Work is proceeding in Hartington for the same purpose. There are 15-20 places where NRIN is being used to connect to the State Radio System. This has been a productive partnership. The Northeast part of the state is also been a focus for the buildout. By the end of the year, there should be a connection to Washington County. In the North Central part of the state, fiber is being used to connect long distances, saving the costs by reducing tower leases. This also provides more redundancy for the Panhandle and North Central regions.

- **NRIN Governance**

- **Tim Hofbauer**
- **Jon Rosenlund**

Tim Hofbauer reported that the Governance Board continues to meet monthly. Subcommittees are also meeting regularly. The Board has been working on a process to improve network operations and to monitor and maintain the network. NEMA is continuing on the buildout and Northeast is the current priority.

## 6. State Agency Representative Updates

Kevin Ryan reported on efforts to consolidate 5 locations across Nebraska into one building; that was a successful rollover. They also replaced dispatch consoles in North Platte at the same time. They are looking at options for enhancing redundancy by partnering with the Fremont/Dodge/Colfax County PSAP.

## **7. PET Region Updates**

Kevin Garvin reported that Dixon and Cedar Counties are working on interoperability for NRIN and the state system and planning for a dispatch evacuation event.

Mark Rempe reported on the use of fiber in North Central to complete NRIN rings. They are also looking at having Region 26 and Custer County join the East Central Region for ESINet once they get a configuration that works with Motorola. Region 24 has split from the North Central Region. Custer County is in the process of updating back up locations for dispatch moving from Broken Bow to Callaway.

Bill Muldoon reported that they are interested in ensuring there is interoperability between the Metro Area and the rest of the State and with the new consolidated dispatch center at Nebraska State Patrol. There may be some training opportunities to ensure coordination.

Sue Krogman reported that she has been sharing information about all the interoperable communication project as she travels the state to ensure collaboration.

## **8. Next Meeting — Wednesday, September 23rd, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.**

## **9. Adjourn**

Mark Rempe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Muldoon. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote with no abstaining votes and no dissenting votes. Sue Krogman adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM CDT.

\*Denotes Action Item