



Virginia Information Technologies Agency

Wireless E-911 Services Board Meeting

General Business Meeting

March 11, 2010



Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Financial Report
4. CMRS Report
5. APA Audit
6. State Contracts for Wireless 9-1-1 Trunks
7. Wireless Funding Distribution Methodology
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn



PSAP Grant Program Financials

- FY 08:
 - \$5,331,100 in grant awards
 - \$1,120,706 outstanding award amount
- FY 09:
 - \$9,326,004 in grant awards
 - \$2,670,259 outstanding award amount
- FY 10:
 - \$16,245,527 in grant awards
 - \$11,697,008 outstanding award amount



CMRS Status Summary - Remaining

CMRS	Phase I	Phase II
Alltel	1	1
AT & T	0	0
Nextel	0	0
Nextel Partners	0	0
nTelos	0	1
Sprint	0	0
T-Mobile	1	0
U.S. Cellular	0	0
Verizon Wireless	0	1
Total	2	3



APA Audit





Audit Recommendations

- Ensure Completeness of Revenue
- Ensure Compliance with Grant Guidelines
- Ensure Accuracy of PSAP Distribution Rates



State Contracts for Wireless 9-1-1 Trunks





FY 2011 PSAP Grant Funding Cycle





Next Steps

- PSAP Grant Committee chair will be asking the Board to approve the Committee's ranking of the FY 2011 applications
- Staff will need to determine the amount of available funding based on Board action regarding the Verizon contract
- Additional funding will be available for use with the FY 2011 grants:
 - Presently funding for all PSAP grant awards have been encumbered; however,
 - some grant awards have been closed out with a balance, and
 - Some localities have returned unused funds
- In addition, staff is requesting guidance from the Board regarding multiple grant period extensions and the establishment of a "sunset" rule in advance of next PSAP Grant Committee meeting
 - The average lifecycle of a PSAP Grant award is 24 months



Ongoing Efforts

- Staff is working to build an integrated Grant Management System:
 - Exploring ways for the application to be built by VITA's Enterprise Application Division
 - Annual support and maintenance is costly and every dollar saved with these efforts makes another dollar available for PSAP Grants
 - VITA and other agencies have expressed an interest in a more universal grant system:
 - One-stop “shopping” for PSAP constituency
 - Brainstorming session with OCP, VDEM, and OEMS to make sure PSAP application aligns with others and to facilitate information sharing about programs, projects, and awards
- Address funding requests from FY 2011 before undertaking any future PSAP Grant Program funding cycles



Proposed Wireless Funding Distribution Scenarios





Update from last WSB Meeting

- At the last WSB meeting, the following motion was tabled:
 - The Committee is recommending adapting calls times cost scenario with a three year average
- Staff was directed to complete the following:
 - Re-verify FY 2009 True-Up data
 - PSAP level analysis of proposed wireless funding scenarios
 - Items have been completed and analysis has been distributed
- Budget amendments have not been included in final budget document
 - Timing of recalc
 - Three-year average of True-Up data
- This means that the recalc will remain in October and the impact of any changes to the current Wireless Funding distribution methodology would be absorbed by the PSAPs over a 12-month period and not a 36-month period
- NoVA PSAP Managers and City of Roanoke have sent letters to the WSB in support of a particular wireless funding scenario



Analysis and Recommendations

- Difficult to identify trends
- Need to look at each PSAP negatively impacted (in red) for a complete picture of the impact
- VA Beach (as well as some other PSAPs... Norfolk, Richmond, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Stafford) would like it shown that since their current wireless percentages are lower right now than they could have been, consideration should be given to measure a scenario impact based on what those PSAPs could have been receiving for funding
- Since the changes to the recalc timing were NOT accepted by the General Assembly, and to ensure PSAPs, staff, and Board members have enough time to interpret the results, staff is recommending that a decision be postponed until the May WSB meeting.



Old Business





Old Business

- Strategic Initiatives from Comprehensive Plan:
 - Develop and apply statewide guidelines to foster a minimum level of 9-1-1 emergency response service across Virginia
 - Implement a recruitment and retention program



New Business





VA Information Sharing Steering Committee

- **Purpose**

- To collaborate and cohesively approach future planning for communications interoperability and information sharing efforts

- **Members**

- The Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (OCP) Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator's Office (CICO)
- Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
- Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) Integrated Services Program (ISP)
 - Public Safety Communications (PSC)
 - Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN)



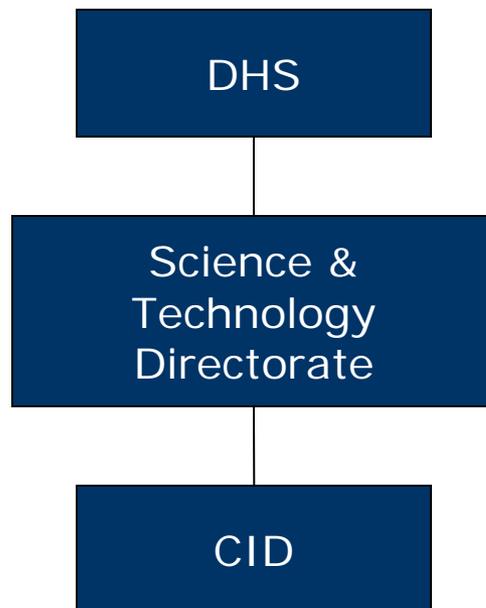
Agency Collaboration

- 1. Create a dependable IP-enabled system for both voice and data**
 - System would provide an unlimited, but managed, flow of information between all relevant emergency response agencies, including: PSAPs, emergency responders, and hospitals.
 - PSAPs and telecommunicators could process calls virtually
- 2. Leverage available state GIS architecture when appropriate**
- 3. Create and share statewide data sets**
- 4. Ensure overlap in each agency's interoperability vision and initiatives**

Strategic inter-agency alignment creates consistent, seamless, and comprehensive service statewide

Federal Support

Through May, the Department of Homeland Security's Command, Control and Interoperability Division (CID) will support Virginia's information sharing efforts.



CID will help Virginia:

- Identify what type of information sharing is needed for state agencies, regions, jurisdictions and local agencies
- Identify the right stakeholders for this effort
- Understand how to reach out and educate its stakeholders
- Identify and overcome the inherent risks and challenges of this effort



Benefits

- **Federal Government**

- A model inter-agency statewide information sharing agreement that can be leveraged for use in other states

- **Virginia Agencies**

- Federal assistance in building a statewide foundation for information sharing
- Virginia serves as a DHS model in the Virtual USA movement
 - Virginia retains its status as a leader in communications interoperability efforts
- Development of new information sharing agreements
 - PSAPs have greater access to information to leverage in first response
- Streamlining of existing information sharing agreements
- Federal and local input on VIPER



PSAP Grant Committee Report

- The PSAP Grant Committee had a meeting on February 9th to review and prioritize the FY 2011 PSAP Grant applications
- The Committee is seeking the Board's endorsement of the ranking spreadsheet and will schedule a future Committee meeting to determine funding recommendations
- These funding recommendations will be presented at the May 13th WSB meeting



Other New Business

- Grant Award Amendment Request
 - Eastern Shore
- Emergency Grant Requests
 - Westmoreland County
 - Caroline County
- CMRS Subcommittee report
- Public Comment



And In Conclusion

- Adjourn
- Next meeting date is May 13th