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Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board

Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday February 17, 2022 10:00am – 12:00pm
Informational / Virtual Meeting

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City of Staunton

Pete Hatcher
AT&T

Matthew Ogburn
Verizon Communications

Michelle Painter
T-Mobile

Tamara Perez
Frederick County

Eddie Reyes
Prince William County

Phil Wittmer
CIO - VITA

Kelvin Wright
City of Chesapeake

Jolena Young
Twin County

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| 1. Call Meeting of the Committee to Order | Chairwoman |
| 2. 9-1-1 Related Legislation in the 2022 Session | Deputy State Coordinator |
| 3. Looking ahead to the 2023 Session | Deputy State Coordinator |
| 4. Old Business | Chairwoman |
| 5. New Business | Chairwoman |
| 6. Public Comment | Chairwoman |
| 7. Adjourn Meeting | Chairwoman |

Next Meeting: TBD



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Legislative Committee Informational Meeting

Date: February 17, 2022

Informational Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Remarks from Chairwoman
- Introduction of New Committee Members
- 9-1-1 Related Legislation in the 2022 Session
- Looking ahead to the 2023 Session
- Old Business
- New Business
- Public Comment
- Adjourn Meeting





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Welcome and Remarks from Chairwoman

Committee Members

- Terry Ellis – VCTA (chair)*
- Gary Critzer – Covington *
- Scott Garber – Staunton *
- Pete Hatcher – AT&T *
- Matthew Ogburn - Verizon*
- Michelle Painter Lama – T-Mobile *
- Jolena Young – Twin County*
- Terry Hall - VML
- Chris McDonald - VACo
- Chief Jeff Dodson – VA APCO
- Roy Davis, Jr. - VA NENA

* Denotes 9-1-1 Services Board Member

 Denotes New Legislative Committee Member





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9-1-1 Related Legislation in the 2022 Session

Legislative Review – 2022 Session

Bill Topics

- Significant Resolutions
- Zoning – Wireless Infrastructure
- Safe Haven - 9-1-1 Alerting
- FOIA and Impact on Public Bodies
- Marcus Alert – Optional Participation
- VRS Retirement for Dispatchers



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Significant Resolutions

- [SJ 13](#) – Confirming Board Appointments

Terry Ellis through 6/30/26 - succeeding herself

Kevin Hall through 6/30/25 - succeeding himself

Tamara Perez through 6/30/25 - succeeding Danny Garrison

Eddie Reyes through 6/30/23 - succeeding Robert Edwards

Kelvin Wright through 6/30/25 - succeeding himself

- [SJ 39](#) – Confirming Board Appointments

Michelle Painter Lama through 6/30/25 - succeeding Seth Weis

- [HJ 43](#) – Commending Amateur Radio Operators in Virginia



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Zoning – Wireless Infrastructure

- [SB 255](#) – Zoning; wireless communications infrastructure, application process
- Provides that in its consideration of certain communications infrastructure applications, a locality shall not disapprove an application if
 - (i) the proposed new structure provides additional wireless coverage or capacity for first responders or
 - (ii) the proposed tower is not within a four-mile radius of an existing tower that is part of the applicant's network.

Additional provisions included

- **Result: Senate Continued to 2023 in Local Govt**



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Safe Haven – 9-1-1 Alerting

- [HB 50](#) - Safe haven protections; newborn safety device
- Provides an affirmative defense in certain criminal prosecutions and civil proceedings regarding child abuse or neglect to a parent who safely delivers his child within the first 30 days of the child's life to a newborn safety device located at a hospital that provides 24-hour emergency services or at an attended emergency medical services agency that employs emergency medical services personnel.
- Original bill - *"the device is equipped with a dual alarm system that sounds 60 seconds after a child is placed in the device and automatically places a call to 911 if the alarm is not deactivated within 60 seconds from within the hospital or emergency medical services agency,"*
- Substitute removes 9-1-1 reference, replaces w/ 24hr DSS hotline
- **Result: Substitute Passed House**



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FOIA and Impact on Public Bodies

- [HB 154 – FOIA - Public records database](#)
Stricken from Docket
- [HB 687 – Definition of a meeting](#)
Stricken from Docket
- [SB 152 – Definition of public government website](#)
Passed Senate
- [HB 444 – Meetings conducted through electronic means](#)
Passed House
- [SB 214 - Meetings conducted through electronic means](#)
Defeated by Senate)



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Marcus Alert – Optional Participation

- HB 1191 – Marcus Alert system; participation in the system is optional for localities, etc.

Substitute Passed House

- SB 361 – Marcus Alert system; participation in the system is optional for localities, etc.

Substitute passed Senate



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VRS Retirement for Dispatchers

- HB 131 – Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.

Left in Appropriations

- HB 854 – Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.

Left in Appropriations

- SB 585 – VRS Retirement for 9-1-1 Dispatchers
Continued to 2023 in Finance and Appropriations

- Note: JLARC will do a review of the issue.





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Preparing for the 2023 Session

Legislation and Harassment of PSAPs

- Several PSAPs have raised the question about existing code language regarding "[unlawful use of telephones](#)".
- There is concern that existing language was crafted in a legacy world and may not address instances of IP-communication TDOS, DDOS-related attacks or harassing text or video calls in the future.
- Existing language includes inconsistent references to "causes to ring" or "causes to ring or signal".
- There may be a need to review this language to see if it can be cleaned up regarding harassing "callers" to PSAPs – regardless of their means of the "call" arriving at the PSAP.



Preparing for 2023

- Identify action items that arise out of the upcoming 9-1-1 cost study
- Establish committee meeting schedule for the rest of 2022.
- Identify additional items of concern to the PSAP community





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Public Comment

Upcoming Meetings / Dates

02/17/22 Regional Advisory Committee (1pm) - Chesterfield
03/08/22 PSAP Grant Committee (1pm) - Chesterfield
03/10/22 9-1-1 Services Board Meeting (1pm) - Chesterfield
03/17/22 Regional Advisory Committee (1pm) - Virtual
04/21/22 Regional Advisory Committee (1pm) - Chesterfield
05/11/22 9-1-1 Summit – Richmond

Next Legislative Committee Meeting TBD





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Adjourn