

Public Safety /NG 9-1-1 Working Group (1/24/17)

December 2016

Maryland Numbers Board meeting occurred on December 8th and NG 9-1-1 dominated the discussion. Kenny Miller got a group together to discuss the GIS concerns with the Board Members and a group of PSAP directors that morning. The group consisted of Kenny Miller, Eric Pate of Calvert County, Tony Rose of Charles County, Kathy Lewis of Charles County, and Peter Hanna. Julia Fischer, the Maryland GIO, was present and also spoke on the issues and concerns. In the afternoon, the Board discussed their plans and it appears they want to move quickly on this topic. Discussion included legislation and meeting with state government representatives and also funding for a state wide project. The details are not clear as of yet but we hope to know more very soon. An action item was identified to gather up the common border conflicts that can be given to decision makers to streamline the process of fixing these issues. A past project involving Cell Towers was referenced as the example.

January 2017

MSGIS Winter Quarterly was hosted in Southern Maryland on January 18th. The Public Safety / NG 9-1-1 Working Group had a panel discussion that was well received. The panel consisted of Eric Pate of Calvert County, Patrick Callahan of Prince George's County, Robert Horne of Mission Critical and Peter Hanna. Many good topics came up during the panel discussion. Those that created the most discussion centered on Data Models and adopting the NENA Data Model and Standards and who has the authority to adopt the NENA Standards. Kenny Miller was also present and stated that the Numbers Board in the past has been able to push standards by tying it to funding for 9-1-1. This will be something the Working Group will have to work towards. Kenny Miller also shared that legislation to aid with NG 9-1-1 may happen sometime this year.

An Email has been sent out on January 19th to all the PSAP representative of the Maryland Numbers Board to identify a GIS contact for each PSPA /Jurisdiction. The Working Group hopes to work on the action item to identify common border issues in the state of Maryland and present them to the Numbers Board and PSAP Directors. This will also help when the Numbers Board decides on the project for the state. At this time, 9 counties have not replied. See the map below. A follow up email will be sent out to the GIS personnel with a request. PSAP Directors that have yet to reply will also be contacted.

