



Ohio Revised Code

Section 128.02 Statewide 9-1-1 steering committee.

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(A)(1) There is hereby created the statewide 9-1-1 steering committee, consisting of the following ten members:

- (a) The state chief information officer or the officer's designee;
- (b) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker, one from the majority party and one from the minority party;
- (c) Two members of the senate appointed by the president, one from the majority party and one from the minority party;
- (d) Five members appointed by the governor.

(2) In appointing the five members under division (A)(1)(d) of this section, the governor shall appoint two representatives of the county commissioners' association of Ohio or a successor organization, two representatives of the Ohio municipal league or a successor organization, and one representative of the Ohio township association or a successor organization. For each of these appointments, the governor shall consider a nominee proposed by the association or successor organization. The governor may reject any of the nominees and may request that a nominating entity submit alternative nominees.

(B)(1) The state chief information officer or the officer's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the steering committee and shall be a nonvoting member. All other members shall be voting members.

(2) A member of the steering committee appointed from the membership of the senate or the house of representatives shall serve during the member's term as a member of the general assembly and until a successor is appointed and qualified, notwithstanding adjournment of the general assembly or



the expiration of the member's term as a member of the general assembly.

(3) The initial terms of one of the representatives of the county commissioners' association of Ohio, one of the representatives of the Ohio municipal league, and the representative of the Ohio township association shall all expire on December 31, 2016. The initial terms of the other representatives of the county commissioners' association of Ohio and the Ohio municipal league shall expire on December 31, 2014. Thereafter, terms of the members appointed by the governor shall be for four years, with each term ending on the same day of the same month as the term it succeeds. Each member appointed by the governor shall hold office from the date of the member's appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed, and may be reappointed. A member appointed by the governor shall continue in office after the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Members appointed by the governor shall serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed for expenses.

(4) A vacancy in the position of any member of the steering committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

(C) The steering committee shall generally advise the state on the implementation, operation, and maintenance of a statewide emergency services internet protocol network, statewide next generation 9-1-1 core-services system, and the dispatch of emergency service providers. The steering committee shall do all of the following:

(1) Examine the readiness of the state's current technology infrastructure for a statewide emergency services internet protocol network;

(2) Research legislative authority with regard to governance and funding of a statewide emergency services internet protocol network, and provide recommendations on best practices to limit duplicative efforts to ensure an effective transition to next generation 9-1-1;

(3) Where feasible, make recommendations for consolidation of public-safety-answering-point operations in this state to accommodate next generation 9-1-1 technology and to facilitate a more efficient and effective emergency services system;



- (4) Recommend policies, procedures, and statutory or regulatory authority to effectively govern a statewide next generation 9-1-1 system;
 - (5) Designate a next generation 9-1-1 statewide coordinator to serve as the primary point of contact for federal initiatives;
 - (6) Coordinate with statewide initiatives and associations such as the state interoperable executive committee, the Ohio geographically referenced information program council, the Ohio multi-agency radio communications system steering committee, and other interested parties;
 - (7) Serve as the entity responsible for the administration of Chapter 128. of the Revised Code.
- (D)(1) A 9-1-1 service provider shall provide to the steering committee:
- (a) The aggregate number of access lines that the provider maintains within the state of Ohio;
 - (b) The aggregate amount of costs and cost recovery associated with providing 9-1-1 service, including coverage under tariffs and bill and keep arrangements within this state;
 - (c) Any other information requested by the steering committee deemed necessary to support the transition to next generation 9-1-1.
- (2) Any entity operating a public safety answering point shall provide to the steering committee:
- (a) The geographic location and population of the area for which the entity is responsible;
 - (b) Statistics detailing the number of 9-1-1 calls received;
 - (c) A report of expenditures made from disbursements for 9-1-1;
 - (d) An inventory of and the technical specifications for the current 9-1-1 network and equipment;



(e) Any other information requested by the steering committee that is deemed necessary to support the transition to next generation 9-1-1.

(3) The information requested under divisions (D)(1) and (2) of this section shall be provided by the 9-1-1 service provider, political subdivision, or governmental entity within forty-five days of the request of the steering committee.

(E) The steering committee shall meet at least once a quarter, either in person or utilizing telecommunication-conferencing technology. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

(F)(1) The steering committee shall have a permanent technical-standards subcommittee and a permanent public-safety-answering-point-operations subcommittee, and may, from time to time, establish additional subcommittees, to advise and assist the steering committee based upon the subcommittees' areas of expertise. The subcommittees may meet either in person or utilizing telecommunication-conferencing technology. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

(2) The membership of subcommittees shall be determined by the steering committee.

(a) The technical-standards subcommittee shall include one member representing a wireline or wireless service provider that participates in the state's 9-1-1 system, one representative of the Ohio academic resources network, one representative of the Ohio multi-agency radio communications system steering committee, one representative of the Ohio geographically referenced information program, and one member representing each of the following associations selected by the steering committee from nominations received from that association:

(i) The Ohio telephone association;

(ii) The Ohio chapter of the association of public-safety communications officials;

(iii) The Ohio chapter of the national emergency number association.



(b) The public-safety-answering-point-operations subcommittee shall include one member representing the division of emergency management of the department of public safety, one member representing the state highway patrol, one member representing the division of emergency medical services of the department of public safety, two members recommended by the county commissioners' association of Ohio who are managers of public safety answering points, two members recommended by the Ohio municipal league who are managers of public safety answering points, and one member from each of the following associations selected by the steering committee from nominations received from that association:

(i) The buckeye state sheriffs' association;

(ii) The Ohio association of chiefs of police;

(iii) The Ohio fire chiefs association;

(iv) The Ohio chapter of the association of public-safety communications officials;

(v) The Ohio chapter of the national emergency number association.

(G) The committee is not an agency, as defined in section 101.82 of the Revised Code, for purposes of sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.