



Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

December 15, 2025
10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in attendance;

Mr. John Cornier
Mr. Timothy Doherty
Mr. Thomas Fleming
Mr. Michael Kuryla
Mr. John Matthews

Staff and Guests in attendance;

Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director
Ms. Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration
Mr. Evan Stahlman, Lauterbach & Amen
Mr. Brandon Guzzi, Lauterbach & Amen
Mr. Arthur Jackson, First Deputy Chief of Cook County Sheriff's Police Department
Mr. Chris Lienhardt, Director of Fire Operations
Mr. Matthew Carlson, Director of Support Services
Mr. Ryan Kelsey, Astound Business Solutions

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Attendance was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of November 14, 2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Sisk	Absent

Motion carried.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – DECEMBER 2025

Mr. John Kelly's report is as follows;

The Legislature is scheduled to return to Springfield to begin the second year of the 104th Legislative Session on January 20, 2026. Both the Illinois Chapter of NENA and the Illinois Chapter of APCO continue to work behind the scenes gathering legislative support for the surcharge increase (HB 4066 and SB 2670). We have gained some legislative sponsors for the legislation but can always use more. As of today, I am not aware of any other proposed legislation which would impact 9-1-1 or the ETSB. The Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 15th. Topics for that meeting will be final approval of the suggested revisions for Administrative Code Parts 1324, 1325 and 1327. While INENA and ILAPCO are not in complete agreement on the proposed changes, the version to be approved has incorporated many of our suggested changes and we do not see any changes that will negatively impact the ETSB.

On the federal level, neither telecommunicator reclassification nor funding for NG9-1-1 have been moved in the House or Senate. NENA will hold its annual "9-1-1 Goes to Washington" event from February 22nd to February 25th. Our hope is to be in a position to actively promote bills in the United States House and Senate that will achieve these goals.

Executive Director Bennett added that there is a board meeting today. The group has identified all the legislatures in their districts with contract agencies. They will reach out to encourage them to support the surcharge increase. A surcharge increase will benefit all parties.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

CONSOLIDATION UPDATES

Executive Director Bennett invited the Board to walk through the center to see the new flooring.

Executive Director Bennett informed the Board that Des Plaines Fire is scheduled to cutover in September of 2026 and the Leyden-Proviso agencies are scheduled for on-boarding in November of 2026. There are 13 other agencies that have asked for IGAs. There should be an IGA that gets executed on Wednesday.

TABLET COMMAND AND INTERFACE

Executive Director Bennett presented two costs for Tablet Command, which will replace MDTs for the Fire Departments. The first cost is \$23,850 for four tablet licenses for the 9-1-1 center. There will be a need to purchase more licenses as more agencies are brought on board. This product is used widely on the west coast for massive incidents. Additionally, Northwest Central Dispatch and Red Center are using Tablet Command. Mr. Matthews and Executive Director Bennett discussed how the devices will be managed. Mr. Fleming asked what the recurring costs would be. Executive Director Bennett advised the annual maintenance cost would be \$15,100, which will come out of the fire operations budget.

Mr. Kuryla made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve the purchase of four Tablet Command licenses for a total cost of \$23,850.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Sisk	Absent

Motion carried.

Executive Director Bennett advised the next cost affiliated with Tablet Command is to purchase an interface with Motorola P1 CAD. The cost for the interface is \$17,485, and there will be a small increase of approximately \$3,000 per year for maintenance. Mr. Matthews asked if there would be an increase in cost when adding more licenses and Executive Director Bennett confirmed that there would be no increase.

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Fleming made the second to approve \$17,485 for a Motorola interface for Tablet Command.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Sisk	Absent

Motion carried.

BYLAWS DISCUSSION

No discussion regarding the proposed changes to the bylaws.

Mr. Cornier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming to adopt the bylaws as presented to include the four new agencies' resolutions that were approved at the last meeting.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Sisk	Absent

Motion carried.

CYBERSECURITY ASSESSMENT

This will be our third cyber security benchmark performed by SecuLore. The 911 center has had two previous benchmarks that were in February 2020 and May 2023. As we have had significant growth since that time, staff believe this is a good opportunity to look at our network. The Cook County Sheriff's ISO team will be part of this assessment.

Mr. Fleming made a motion, and Mr. Cornier made the second to approve of \$17,200 for SecuLore's cybersecurity benchmark assessment.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Sisk	Absent

Motion carried.

RAPIDSOS

We have reached the end of our RapidSOS trial period. We have made significant progress at this point but there are still outstanding issues that we want addressed. Staff is recommending extending our trial period for another 3 months. At the end of the three months, we will make an assessment to see if we should move into the full contract.

COMMSCOACH

The CommsCoach QA's project continues to progress. We have moved from sandbox mode to our live environment. Our supervisory staff continues to work with our project manager on the QA rollout and simulations. We are early adopters of the CommsCoach Hire project, along with approximately a dozen other agencies across the U.S.

Mr. Cornier asked if the candidates require any previous experience or training. Executive Director Bennett advised they do not.

RAVE LINK AND COLLABORATE

Executive Director Bennett advised we have been utilizing Rave approximately 10 years. Rave is the company that has Smart911, and our mass notification system called Rave Alert. Rave Link has two features – a connection directly to CAD and a program called Collaborate.

The Sheriff's Office approached Executive Director Bennett about a year ago regarding a state grant related to school safety. The company proposed that they could send automatic notifications to distribution groups created by the agency for any CAD incident generated within a radius of a school when the incident met specific criteria determined by the agency. Executive Director Bennett advised he and First Deputy Chief Jackson have been working on missing person cases for the last six months and advised this is a great way to organize resources. Executive Director Bennett played a short demo video then created a missing person Collaborate incident to demonstrate how the system organizes information, tasks, and responsible parties involved in the active incident. First Deputy Chief Jackson added that Collaborate is a great tool to utilize when working on these incidents.

Mr. Cornier asked how we would facilitate getting this information to an outside agency that is involved but that is not part of the Cook County ETSB. Executive Director Bennett advised that we cannot currently share this information with outside agencies but have asked for a read-only version so that the information can be shared with any agencies involved in the case.

Mr. Matthews inquired about data retention and how the data will be redacted for release. Executive Director Bennett advised that we currently provide all our CAD, radio, and call data to the Sheriff's Office and it's their responsibility to redact all personally identifiable information. We would follow this process when requests for Collaborate records come in.

Mr. Doherty asked if these incidents would be generated by the agency or by dispatch. Executive Director Bennett answered that for Rave Link, we could build out a distribution list and criteria for incidents based on a department's request, like incidents at the casino in Des Plaines, for example. If the agency had their own Collaborate, they could initiate the Collaborate incident. If not, we could launch it for them. The system is highly configurable.

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

The December Bill Payment Resolution is attached for the Board's review.

The significant items to report are;

- Comcast for \$23,370.00 – Prepay for FY2026 services (Comcast is paid annually)
- HigherGround for \$28,500 – Pass through to the Sheriff for Live911 services
- Mercury for \$380,665.12 – Majority is for FY2026 Maintenance
- Rave Wireless for \$17,100.00 – Annual renewal of mass notification system services
- SecuLore for \$17,200.00 – Cyber Benchmark Assessment
- Tablet Command for \$23,850.00 – Pass through to the Sheriff for Fire Operations costs
- Village of Crestwood for \$921,690.00 – Crestwood build costs

Total Bills \$ 1,560,180.43

Mr. Fleming asked for an update on the Crestwood project and bills. Executive Director Bennett advised that the Crestwood bills have been split between paying half up front for materials and the remaining balance when the milestone listed on the invoice is complete. The external structure is complete, the windows were put in, the generator was delivered, and the roof is on. They have started work inside the building.

Mr. Matthews made a motion, and Mr. Cornier made the second to approve the December Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$1,560,180.43.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Sisk	Absent

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Stahlman from Lauterbach & Amen presented the financials.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Fleming made a motion to adjourn the meeting of December 15, 2025, seconded by Mr. Cornier.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Sisk	Absent

Motion carried.

The December 15, 2025 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Next Meeting

January 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

13820 S. Cicero Ave

Crestwood, IL 60418

Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration

Date