



TARC 9-1-1 Coordinators' Association Meeting

Date: February 5, 2025

Call to Order: 3:06 PM

Adjournment: 4:11 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes: Beth

Second: Charsletta

Outcome: Approved

3. Financial Report

The financial report was presented to the group.

4. New Business

TARC Updates

- TARC represents the Councils of Governments (COGs).
- The Executive Directors (ED) Council, composed of RPC directors, provides recommendations to the TARC Board of Directors. The Board holds the final vote.
- The Emergency Communications Committee provides additional input.
- Emphasis on the importance of 'speaking with one voice.'
- Organizational structure:
 - Board
 - Committees
 - Each committee has a staff association (e.g., the 9-1-1 Coordinators' Association).
- TARC does not have a contract with CSEC, TDA, or other agencies and does not act as a middleman.
- TARC assists in gathering and organizing information for COGs but does not manage individual contracts.
- Members should raise questions within the association and contact their ED regarding concerns with staff.
- Training review process: Requests should be submitted quarterly via Nicole; appeals must be raised through committees.

5. Standing Committee Reports

I. By-Laws

No report.

II. Compliance

Members reminded to work toward lowering numbers for mid-year compliance.

III. Database/GIS

- ILAs discussed at the last TARC meeting are outdated; general counsel is reviewing.
- Goal: Develop a generic template adaptable by each RPC.
- Agencies may request sample drafts from John Streeb.
- GEODataHub error files will begin populating the reference column; updates expected in the February webinar.

IV. Legislative

- Comptroller issued the bi-annual revenue estimate on January 13.
- 89th Legislative Session updates:
 - Legislature cannot adjourn until the budget is balanced.
 - House elected a new Speaker on January 14.
 - Priority issues: school vouchers, property tax relief, gambling, housing/insurance costs, and electric grid resilience.
- 88th Legislative Session summary: 8,046 bills introduced; 1,246 passed.
- 9-1-1 Alliance presentations scheduled for January 28.
- High confidence expressed in Andrew's appropriations request.

V. Next Generation 9-1-1

- FCC moving forward in two phases: SIP connections and NENA i3 standards.
- Larger providers will transition on shorter timelines; smaller providers will have longer timelines.

VI. PSAP Operations Committee

No updates.

VII. Strategic Planning / Equipment Replacement

No updates.

VIII. Training / Public Education

- Discussion of requirements for an appeals process.
- Members invited to submit training suggestions.
- Nicole distributed a spreadsheet listing approved and denied courses with rationale.
- Committee meetings were held on January 17–18.
- Upcoming events:
 - April 2 – Next training/public education meeting.
 - February 3–4 – '9-1-1 Goes to Austin' at the Downright Austin Hotel.
 - * Members reminded to obtain ED approval before attending.
 - * Activities must remain educational and not lobbying.
 - * If speaking to legislators, members must notify their ED.

IX. Wireless Services

No updates.

X. Emergency Communications Advisory Council (ECAC)

- Subcommittee formed for FIFA World Cup 2026 (Houston and Dallas host cities).
- Legislative tracking on Senate Bill 8 (\$150M); current expenditure rate is 61%.
- Proposition 8: \$130M+ distributed to districts; balance allocated to COGs.
- Executive Order 49 (Nov. 2024): Cybersecurity assessments launched in response to foreign threats.

- One COG has completed assessment; focus remains primarily COG-related.
- Leadership update: Kristine Hill replaced Anita Pitt.

6. Additional Updates

- Failsafe Communications presented a product claiming to detect unanswered 9-1-1 calls; estimated cost \$200,000/month. Members advised to vet independently.
- Follow-up items for TARC:
 - Electronic vote course approval (appeals process for 9-1-1 education classes).
 - Submissions should be directed to Charsletta for committee inclusion.
- Standing committee list will be updated and distributed. Members asked to notify Rea of any changes.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.