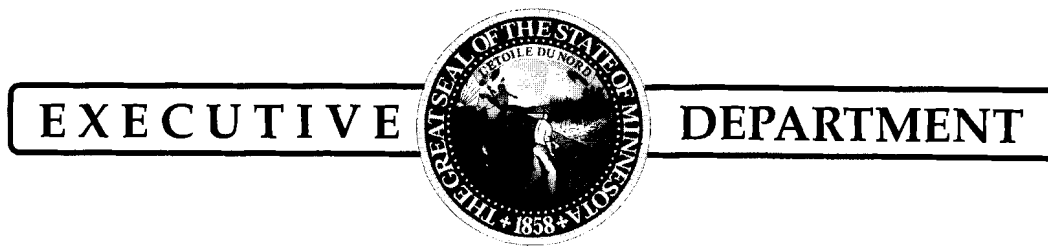


STATE of MINNESOTA



**TIM PAWLENTY
GOVERNOR**

EXECUTIVE ORDER 09-03

**PROVIDING FOR THE GOVERNOR'S
WORK GROUP ON REGIONAL
PUBLIC SAFETY
ANSWERING POINTS**

I, TIM PAWLENTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable state laws, including Minnesota Statutes 2008, Sections 12.21, Subdivision 3 and 15.0593, do hereby issue this executive order:

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Answering Points, where 911 calls are received, provide an immediate and direct link to life-saving emergency services including law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Safety is charged with coordinating the maintenance of the existing 911 systems and with formulating concepts, methods, and procedures that will improve the operation and maintenance of 911 systems throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 101 Public Safety Answering Points in Minnesota operated by counties, cities or other local governments including ten Public Safety Answering Points operated by the Minnesota State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, to respond to improvements and changes in telecommunications and technology since the initial 911 systems were created, the 911 network is evolving to a new platform, referred to as "Next Generation 911," and these changes provide opportunities for the state and local governments to work together to explore improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Public Safety Answering Points and delivery of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, current law allows 911 systems to develop and implement multi-jurisdictional and regional shared services approaches to operating Public Safety Answering Points, provided that the design and implementation are preceded by cooperative planning on a county-by-county basis with local public safety agencies; and

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WHEREAS, regionally shared Public Safety Answering Points have the potential to increase efficiency and enhance the reliability of the 911 system and, when properly implemented, can result in reduced costs for participating public safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, city and county governments in Dakota, Ramsey, Washington, Rice, Steele and Clay have successfully consolidated and implemented regional shared Public Safety Answering Points; and

WHEREAS, the potential benefits of regional Public Safety Answering Points can best be determined through cooperative efforts and sharing of information between state and local governments and public safety agencies.


NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby order that:

1. The Governor's Work Group on Regional Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAP Work Group) is created.
 - a. The PSAP Work Group will include multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary members:
 - i. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or designee;
 - ii. Two Sheriffs from greater Minnesota selected by the Minnesota Sheriffs Association;
 - iii. A Public Safety Answering Point manager from greater Minnesota selected by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association;
 - iv. A County Commissioner from each of the Regional Radio Boards selected by the Association of Minnesota Counties;
 - v. The Emergency Communication Networks Director for the Department of Public Safety;
 - vi. The Colonel of the Minnesota State Patrol;
 - vii. The executive director for the Dakota Communications Center; and
 - viii. A Mayor or City Council Member from a City which has recently consolidated its Public Safety Answering Points selected by the League of Minnesota Cities.
 - b. The Commissioner or his designee will lead the PSAP Work Group.
 - c. Members of the PSAP Work Group will serve on a voluntary basis and are not eligible for per-diem or payment of expenses. This provision does not preclude individuals who serve on the Work Group as part of their work assignment from receiving their regular compensation and payment of expenses from their employer.
 - d. The Commissioner of Public Safety will provide administrative and staff support to the Work Group.
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2. By January 4, 2010 the PSAP Work Group will develop a comprehensive strategy for regionally based Public Safety Answering Points throughout the state. In developing the strategy, the PSAP Work Group will consider the 2004 report to the Minnesota Legislature on PSAP Consolidation and recommend:
 - a. The number and recommended potential locations for regional centers;
 - b. A governance structure that encourages collaboration and cooperation in the operation of regional centers;
 - c. Funding sources for capital and operating costs;
 - d. A preliminary set of standard operating procedures;
 - e. A mitigation plan that addresses concerns identified in the 2004 PSAP Consolidation Report;
 - f. Incentives that might be provided to encourage migration to regional centers; and
 - g. A comprehensive implementation plan.

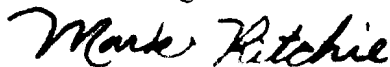
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008, Section 4.035, Subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2006, 4.035, subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 21st day of January, 2009.



TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

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MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State

