



# Ohio 9-1-1 Newsletter

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## Welcome Deputy Director, Angela Canepa

Angie Canepa has joined the Ohio Department of Administrative Services as Deputy Director of First Responder Communications Initiatives. In this new role, Angie acts as a liaison for the 9-1-1 Program Office and Multi-Agency Radio Communications (MARCS) programs to local, state, and federal agencies as well as elected representatives and their staff.



ANGELA CANEPA  
Deputy Director of First Responder Communications Initiatives  
Office of Information Technology Enterprise  
9-1-1 and MARCS Programs

She comes to DAS from the State Medical Board of Ohio, where she was Deputy Director over the investigations, compliance, and enforcement sections. She was previously Section Chief of Special Prosecutions in the Ohio Attorney General’s Office overseeing special prosecutions around the state, where she became the lead prosecutor on the Pike County murder trial. She held several positions for more than a decade at the Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office, including Director of the Abuse Unit.

Canepa has a more than 30-year career working very closely with first responders of all kinds and looks forward to working with first responders in this new role and helping the Governor advance his communications initiatives, both for the benefit of first responders and the Ohio residents as well.

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## 9-1-1 Program Office New Team Member



Welcome Kayla Sanders, Administrative Professional 4, to the 9-1-1 Program Office staff. Kayla is originally from Minnesota and attended college at Florida Atlantic University, earning a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. After moving to Ohio, Kayla worked with the Ohio Department of Health until transferring to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Kayla said, “I am very excited to be part of the 9-1-1 Program Office and look forward to the work I will be doing here in the future.”

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## DAS Director Visits PSAPs

Kathleen C. Madden, Director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS), visited the Greene County and Clark County PSAPs on Dec. 13, 2022. The visits, part of preparation for the Next Generation 9-1-1 initiative, were an opportunity for the local 9-1-1 authorities to show their facilities and operations within the local emergency response framework. The tours and discussions were very enlightening and further enhanced the cooperative relationship DAS and the 9-1-1 Program Office has with local 9-1-1 authorities.



Director Kathleen Madden visits with Ross County Sheriff George Lavender.

In March, Director Madden, executive staff, and staff from the 9-1-1 Program Office and Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) Program Office visited Hancock, Ross, and Vinton -Jackson counties and spoke with officials on the NG9-1-1 and MARCS programs.

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## Next Generation 9-1-1

Governor DeWine's executive budget proposal includes funding for the initial, non-recurring infrastructure costs at the state and local level. This proposal will allow the state to begin transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 as early as July and engage the state's contractor to begin the system build-out. Senate Bill 50 also has been introduced to carry on the legislative initiative for sustainable Next Generation 9-1-1 funding and operations. Stay tuned to the ESINet Steering Committee meetings for updates.

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## Wireless Government Assistance Fund Reconciliation Process

The Wireless Government Assistance Fund (WGAF) reconciliation process has begun and the 2023 WGAF forms have been distributed. Counties should submit their completed forms to the 9-1-1 Program Office by July 1.

This form is recapping 9-1-1 expenditures for calendar year 2022 and is the same process used in preceding years. As always, if your county received a federal 9-1-1 grant disbursement, a grant verification form also is due to be submitted with the WGAF form.

## **FCC and National 9-1-1 Office Survey**

The annual FCC and National 9-1-1 Office surveys have been distributed along with the annual emergency response time survey. The county responses allow the Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office to submit a more accurate picture of Ohio's status moving forward to Next Generation 9-1-1. The information assists both federal agencies in planning and identifying funding needs for future grant opportunities.

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## **Retirement**

As many of you have heard, I will be retiring from public service June 30. It has been my extreme pleasure to work with the dedicated and professional county 9-1-1 coordinators and local 9-1-1 officials, Ohio APCO and Ohio NENA, NASNA, the ESINet Steering Committee and sub-committees, as well as private industry partners over the last eight years. The 9-1-1 Program Office staff, as well as other state agencies I have worked with, could not have been more cooperative and I feel very fortunate to have worked with so many helpful and dedicated public servants. I have said many times, without the cooperation and support of the many county and local 9-1-1 professionals, we could not have accomplished building the 9-1-1 Program Office to the successful operation it is today. It has been my distinct honor to have served as the first full-time state 9-1-1 administrator for Ohio.

With the pending 9-1-1 legislation, including Governor DeWine's executive budget funding for 9-1-1, the pieces are in place to move to the next phase of transitioning Ohio to Next Generation 9-1-1. The timing is now right for me to transition to the next phase of my career and provide an opportunity to bring in fresh leadership for implementation of NG9-1-1 across the state. DAS Director Madden, Assistant Director/Chief Information Officer Katrina Flory and Deputy Director Angela Canepa are fully engaged in bringing Next Generation 9-1-1 to the citizens of Ohio and I am confident the success will continue through implementation.

Sincerely,

Rob Jackson