

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday and Tuesday, November 26-27, 2007
Department of Emergency Services, Fraire Barracks
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Monday, November 26, 2007 - Meeting and tour - Department of Emergency Services, Fraire Barracks

1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the September 11-12, 2007, meeting

STUDY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

1:05 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Emergency Services, including the Division of State Radio and Division of Homeland Security, of:

- Information regarding the use of homeland security funding by county, including a breakdown by jurisdiction and emergency responder type
- A summary of the Maximus study relating to State Radio costs and fees and information regarding the differences between what State Radio is charging for providing public safety answering point (PSAP) services compared to costs incurred by counties that provide their own PSAP services

1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding:

- Use of 911 fees received by the association from political subdivisions
- Purpose and potential of 2007 Senate Bill No. 2169
- Implementation of the federal "Next Generation 911" Initiative
- The association's allocations and uses of homeland security funding

2:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota League of Cities regarding the entity's allocations and uses of homeland security funding

2:45 p.m. Tour of Department of Emergency Services facilities, including the Emergency Communications Center

4:45 p.m. Recess

Tuesday, November 27, 2007 - Meeting - Roughrider Room, State Capitol

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM STUDY

9:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health regarding:

- An overview of the various levels of training and certification for emergency services personnel
- A status report on the survey of counties regarding the regions covered by each ambulance service
- A status report on the assessment of the state's emergency medical services system, including information regarding funding for the assessment

9:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding Medicaid rates, including information regarding the process for classifying Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance service calls as either emergency or nonemergency and information regarding delays in Medicaid reimbursements for ambulance services

10:00 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's emergency medical services system study

DELIVERY AND FUNDING OF VETERANS' SERVICES STUDY

10:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding the delivery of veterans' services in other states and county veterans' service officer certification

10:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Auditor's office regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs performance audit and followup report

11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs regarding the status of the administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs

11:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding:

- Whether the current system of county mill levies to pay for the salary and expenses of county veterans' service officers is adequate
- Whether the current structure of county veterans' service officers is working properly and how it can be improved

11:40 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's delivery and funding of veterans' services study

OTHER BUSINESS

11:50 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

12:00 noon Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Todd Porter (Chairman), Randy Boehning, Mike Brandenburg, Ron Carlisle, Edmund Gruchalla, Pam Guleson, James Kerzman, Joe Kroeber, Bob Martinson, Vonnie Pietsch, Clara Sue Price, Don Vigasaa

Senators Joan Heckaman, Ralph L. Kilzer, Gary A. Lee, Elroy N. Lindaas, John M. Warner