

2013-02-26 Re: Rural County Definition Per Section 288.0656(1)

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Re :Rural County Definition Per Section 288.0656(1)

Posted by Greg Holcomb on Feb 26 '13



Regarding the "County" definition, we must remember that we are discussing a "Statewide" network. Rural geography in communications is going to be different than a Rural County population by definition. I am not certain we should limit ourselves to the County definition. Just something to ponder when discussing Public Safety coverage vs. population.

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Rob Fortner

I agree with Greg on this. A larger consideration should be given to areas with known coverage gaps.

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Steve Williams

Coverage models need to be based on LMR coverage models and not subscriber based using rural population numbers.

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**Sherri Martin**

I tried to call in this morning, two of the pass code / meeting code numbers didn't work. The third code I tried hooked me up to some music but no meeting. I'm sorry I missed the call.

I agree with Greg as well. There are many communities that have small populations that do not fall within the definition of the statute so we have a number of communities that fall in between the cracks. Many states have a 3 tier program, it would be nice if Florida adopted a similar program.

Jay, here are the "Economic Distress Factors" as defined by s. 288.0656 F.S. Unfortunately I have not been able to tap into a source that can provide actual data at a community level, most of it is available at the county level or based on an MSA which is way off when it comes to communities such as South Bay, Belle Glade and Pahokee.

"Economic distress" means conditions affecting the fiscal and economic viability of a rural community, including such factors as low per capita income, low per capita taxable values, high unemployment, high underemployment, low weekly earned wages compared to the state average, low housing values compared to the state average, high percentages of the population receiving public assistance, high poverty levels compared to the state average, and a lack of year-round stable employment opportunities.

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**Jay Sexton**

Sherri-

Sorry for the confusion with the call-in number this morning. I got caught up in it as well! As for rural/non-rural, I think the approach will be to present the definitions that are out there, in addition to other methodologies (e.g. coverage) that could be used as well. One of the Executive Committee's tasks under the SLIGP will be to analyze these definitions and come up with the right one for Florida's public safety broadband efforts.

Thanks so much for your help on this.

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