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Annual Collection of Information

Related to the Collection and Use of 911 and E911 Fees by States and Other Jurisdictions

Pursuant to OMB authorization 3060-1122 , the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau seeks the following specific information in order to fulfill the Commission's obligations under Section 6(f)(2) of the NET 911 Act:

A. Filing Information

1. Name of State or Jurisdiction

State or Jurisdiction
Mississippi

2. Name, Title and Organization of Individual Filing Report

Name	Title	Organization
Susan K. Perkins	Communications Bureau Director	Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

B. Overview of State or Jurisdiction 911 System

1. **Please provide the total number of active Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in your state or jurisdiction that receive funding derived from the collection of 911/E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2014:**

PSAP Type[1]	Total
Primary	150
Secondary	225
Total	375

2. **Please provide the total number of active telecommunicators[2] in your state or jurisdiction that were funded through the collection of 911 and E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2014:**

Number of Active Telecommunicators	Total
Full-Time	1367
Part-time	

3. **For the annual period ending December 31, 2014, please provide an estimate of the total cost to provide 911/E911 service in your state or jurisdiction.**

Amount ($)	$31,280,356.96

[1] A Primary PSAP is one to which 911 calls are routed directly from the 911 Control office. A secondary PSAP is one to which 911 calls are transferred from a Primary PSAP. *See* National Emergency Number Association, Master Glossary of 9-1-1 Terminology (*Master Glossary*), July 29, 2014, at 118, 126, available at https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/Standards/NENA-ADM-000.18-2014_2014072.pdf .

[2] A telecommunicator, also known as a call taker or a dispatcher, is a person employed by a PSAP who is qualified to answer incoming emergency telephone calls and/or who provides for the appropriate emergency response either directly or through communication with the appropriate PSAP. *See Master Glossary* at 137.

3a. If an amount cannot be provided, please explain why.

4. Please provide the total number of 911 calls your state or jurisdiction received during the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

Type of Service	Total 911 Calls
Wireline	
Wireless	
VoIP	
Other	
Total	3.1 Million

C. Description of Authority Enabling Establishment of 911/E911 Funding Mechanisms

1. Has your State, or any political subdivision, Indian tribe, village or regional corporation therein as defined by Section 6(f)(1) of the NET 911 Act, established a funding mechanism designated for or imposed for the purposes of 911 or E911 support or implementation (please include a citation to the legal authority for such mechanism)? *Check one.*

- Yes ..... ☒
- No ..... ☐

1a. If yes, provide a citation to the legal authority for such a mechanism.

According to MS Code of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-313, the board of supervisors may levy an emergency telephone charge in an amount not to exceed one (1) dollar per residential telephone subscriber line, one (1) dollar per VoIP subscriber account, or two (2) dollars per commercial telephone subscriber line per month. According to the MS Code of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-333, the rate of service charge is one (1) dollar per CMRS (Commercial Mobile Radio Service) connection per month. According to MS Cody of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-357, five cents (.05) shall be placed on each subscriber line within the State of MS (both private and commercial) to fund 911 training.

1b. If yes, during the annual period January 1 - December 31, 2014, did your state or jurisdiction amend, enlarge, or in any way alter the funding mechanism.

No changes were made to the current funding mechanism during the annual period under review.

2. Which of the following best describes the type of authority arrangement for the collection of 911/E911 fees? *Check one.*

- The State collects the fees ..... ☐
- A Local Authority collects the fees ..... ☒
- A hybrid approach where two or more governing bodies (*e.g.*, state and local authority) collect the fees ..... ☐

3. Describe how the funds collected are made available to localities.

All funds collected by service providers are awarded directly to the counties and according to MS Code of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-313, the local board of supervisors have the authority to approve expenditures for 911 funding received.

D. Description of State or Jurisdictional Authority That Determines How 911/E911 Fees are Spent

1. Indicate which entities in your state have the authority to approve the expenditure of funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes.		
Jurisdiction	**Authority to Approve Expenditure of Funds** *(Check one)*	
	Yes	**No**
State	☐	☒
Local (*e.g.*, county, city, municipality)	☒	☐

1b. Please briefly describe any limitations on the approval authority per jurisdiction (*e.g.*, limited to fees collected by the entity, limited to wireline or wireless service, etc.)
The local board of supervisors have the authority to approve expenditures for 911 funding received.

2. Has your state established a funding mechanism that mandates *how* collected funds can be used? *Check one.*

- Yes ..... ☐
- No ..... ☒

2a. If you checked YES, provide a legal citation to the funding mechanism of any such criteria.

2b. If you checked NO, describe how your state or jurisdiction decides how collected funds can be used.

According to MS Code of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-313, the local board of supervisors

has the authority to approve expenditures for 911 funding received. According to MS Code of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-333, the Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) distributes funds based on a distribution formula. According to MS Code of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-357, the MS Board of Emergency Telecommunicators Standards and Training (BETST) is authorized to reimburse any expenses related to training to the designated agency or department.

E. Description of Uses of Collected 911/E911 Fees

1. **Provide a statement identifying with specificity all activities, programs, and organizations for whose benefit your state, or political subdivision thereof, has obligated or expended funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes and how these activities, programs, and organizations support 911 and E911 services or enhancements of such services.**

According to MS Code of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-313, the local board of supervisors has the authority to approve expenditures for 911 funding received. According to MS Code of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-333, the Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) distributes funds based on a distribution formula. According to MS Code of 1972 Chapter 5 Section 19-5-357, the MS Board of Emergency Telecommunicators Standards and Training (BETST) sets the training standards and requirements is authorized to reimburse any expenses related to training to the designated agency or department.

2. Please identify the allowed uses of the collected funds. ***Check all that apply.***			
Type of Cost		**Yes**	**No**
Operating Costs	Lease, purchase, maintenance of customer premises equipment (CPE) (hardware and software)	☒	☐
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of computer aided dispatch (CAD) equipment (hardware and software)	☒	☐
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of building/facility	☒	☐
Personnel Costs	Telecommunicators' Salaries	☒	☐
	Training of Telecommunicators	☒	☐
Administrative Costs	Program Administration	☒	☐
	Travel Expenses	☒	☐
Dispatch Costs	Reimbursement to other law enforcement entities providing dispatch	☒	☐
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of Radio Dispatch Networks	☒	☐
Grant Programs		☐ **If Yes, see 2a.**	☐
2a. During the annual period ending December 31, 2014, describe the grants that your state paid for through the use of collected 911/E911 fees and the purpose of the grant.			
Unknown.			

F. Description of 911/E911 Fees Collected

1. Please describe the amount of the fees or charges imposed for the implementation and support of 911 and E911 services. Please distinguish between state and local fees for each service type.		
Service Type	**Fee/Charge Imposed**	**Jurisdiction Receiving Remittance** (*e.g.*, state, county, local authority, or a combination)
Wireline	1.00 residential/2.00 commercial	county
Wireless		
Prepaid Wireless		
Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)	1.00	county
Other	.05	State for training

2. For the annual period ending December 31, 2014, please report the total amount collected pursuant to the assessed fees or charges described in Question F 1.

Service Type	Total Amount Collected ($)
Wireline	
Wireless	
Prepaid Wireless	
Voice Over Internet Protocol	
Other	

Total	$31,280,356.96

2a. If an amount cannot be provided, please explain why.

3. Please identify any other sources of 911/E911 funding.

Local budget allowances.

Question	Yes	No
4. For the annual period ending December 31, 2014, were any 911/E911 fees that were collected by your state or jurisdiction combined with any federal, state or local funds, grants, special collections, or general budget appropriations that were designated to support 911/E911/NG911 services? *Check one.*	☐	☐
4a. If Yes, please describe the federal, state or local funds and amounts that were combined with 911/E911 fees.		
Unknown.		

5. Please provide an estimate of the proportional contribution from each funding source towards the total cost to support 911 in your state or jurisdiction.	**Percent**
State 911 Fees	
Local 911 Fees	
General Fund - State	
General Fund - County	
Federal Grants	
State Grants	

G. Description of Diversion or Transfer of 911/E911 Fees for Other Uses

Question	Yes	No
1. In the annual period ending December 31, 2014, were funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes in your state or jurisdiction made available or used solely for purposes designated by the funding mechanism identified in Question 5? *Check one.*	☒	☐

1a. If No, please identify what amount of funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes were made available or used for any purposes other than the ones designated by the funding mechanism or used for purposes otherwise unrelated to 911 or E911 implementation or support, including any funds transferred, loaned, or otherwise used for the state's general fund. Along with identifying the amount, please include a statement identifying the non-related purposes for which the collected 911 or E911 funds were made available or used.

Amount of Funds ($)	Identify the non-related purpose(s) for which the 911/E911 funds were used. (*Add lines as necessary*)

H. Oversight and Auditing of Collection and Use of 911/E911 Fees

Question	Yes	No
1. Has your state established any oversight or auditing mechanisms or procedures to determine whether collected funds have been made available or used for the purposes designated by the funding mechanism or otherwise used to implement or support 911? *Check one.*	☐	☒
1a. If yes, provide a description of the mechanisms or procedures and any enforcement or other corrective actions undertaken in connection with such auditing authority, for the annual period ending December 31, 2014. *(Enter "None" if no actions were taken.)*		
Oversight of the collection and uses of 911/E911 fees belongs to the local board of supervisors whom has the authority to approve expenditures for 911 funding received. If misappropriation is suspected then the State's Auditor Office may step in and investigate if deemed necessary.		

Question	Yes	No
2. Does your state have the authority to audit service providers to ensure that the amount of 911/E911 fees collected form subscribers matches the service provider's number of subscribers? *Check one.*	☒	☐
2a. If yes, provide a description of any auditing or enforcement or other corrective actions undertaken in connection with such auditing authority, for the annual period ending December 31, 2014. *(Enter "None" if no actions were taken.)*		
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I. Description of Next Generation 911 Services and Expenditures

Question	Yes	No
1. Does your state or jurisdiction classify expenditures on Next Generation 911 as within the scope of permissible expenditures of funds for 911 or E911 purposes? *Check one.*	☒	☐
1a. If yes, in the space below, please cite any specific legal authority:		
The local board of supervisors determines if and what percentage of funding is appropriated towards NG911 services or expenditures.		

Question	Yes	No
2. In the annual period ending December 31, 2014, has your state or jurisdiction expended funds on Next Generation 911 programs? *Check one.*	☐	☒
2a. If yes, in the space below, please enter the dollar amount that has been expended.		
Amount ($)		

3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2014, please describe the type and number of NG911 Emergency Service IP Network(s) (ESInets) that operated within your state.					
Type of ESInet	**Yes**	**No**	**If Yes, Enter Total PSAPs Operating on the ESInet**	**If Yes, does the type of ESInet interconnect with other state, regional or local ESInets?**	
				Yes	**No**
a. A single, state-wide ESInet	☐	☒		☐	☐
b. Local (*e.g.*, county) ESInet	☐	☒		☐	☐
c. Regional ESInets	☐	☒	[If more than one Regional ESInet is in operation, in the space below, provide the total PSAPs operating on each ESInet]	☐	☐
Name of Regional ESInet:				☐	☐
Name of Regional ESInet:				☐	☐

4. **Please provide a description of any NG911 projects completed or underway during the annual period ending December 31, 2014.**

The number of NG911 projects completed or underway during annual period under review was 17.

Question	Total PSAPs Accepting Texts
5. During the annual period ending December 31, 2014, how many PSAPs within your state implemented text-to-911 and are accepting texts?	One
Question	**Estimated Number of PSAPs that will Become Text Capable**
6. In the next annual period ending December 31, 2015, how many PSAPs do you anticipate will become text capable?	25

J. Description of Cybersecurity Expenditures

Question	Check the appropriate box		If Yes, Amount Expended ($)
1. During the annual period ending December 31, 2014, did your state expend funds on cybersecurity programs for PSAPs?	Yes ☐	No ☒	

Question	Total PSAPs
2. During the annual period ending December 31, 2014, how many PSAPs in your state either implemented a cyber security program or participated in a regional or state-run cyber security program?	0

Question	Yes	No	Unknown
3. Does your state or jurisdiction adhere to the National Institute of Standards and Technology *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity* (February 2014) for networks supporting one or more PSAPs in your state or jurisdiction?	☐	☐	☒

K. Measuring Effective Utilization of 911/E911 Fees

1. **Please provide an assessment of the effects achieved from the expenditure of state 911/E911 or NG911 funds, including any criteria your state or jurisdiction uses to measure the effectiveness of the use of 911/E911 fees and charges. If your state conducts annual or other periodic assessments, please provide an electronic copy (*e.g.*, Word, PDF) of the latest such report upon submission of this questionnaire to the FCC or provide links to online versions of such reports in the space below.**

The State of MS does not have a committee or organization that has oversight or that implements the policies and procedures regarding 911/E911 usage. At this time, this responsibility lays solely with the local boards of supervisors. Therefore, the supervisors measure the effective utilization of 911/E911 usage and whether those efforts are meeting the standards and needs of their citizens.