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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
Ohio

**2. Name, Title and Organization of Individual Filing Report**

Name	Title	Organization
Rob Jackson	Ohio 9-1-1 Administrator	Department of Administrative Services – Office of Information Technology



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**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 <sup>1</sup>	Total
Primary	322*
Secondary	Unknown*
<b>Total</b>	322*

\*Ohio is currently undergoing consolidation activity and defining PSAPs related to funding provided for in the Ohio Revised Code. Currently, wireless 9-1-1 is eligible for state funding, but PSAPs that only answer wireline 9-1-1 calls and only accept transferred wireless calls are not associated with the state funding formula.

- 2. Please provide the total number of active telecommunicators<sup>2</sup> 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	Unknown
Part-time	Unknown

- 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.**

<b>Amount</b>	Unknown
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<sup>1</sup> 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](https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/Standards/NENA-ADM-000.18-2014_2014072.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> 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.



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

Ohio, a home-rule state, is currently in a consolidation period for PSAPs and has recently filled the State 9-1-1 Administrator position. PSAP rules and reporting are currently in the planning stages and an annual report from county 9-1-1 systems will be implemented in 2016, recapping 2015 operations, costs, etc. There are a variety of approaches and funding mechanisms at the local level in addition to the state funding model for wireless 9-1-1.

**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	Unknown
Wireless	Unknown
VoIP	Unknown
Other	Unknown
<b>Total</b>	Unknown

**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 ..... X
- No .....

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

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 128 established the Emergency Services Internet-Protocol Network (ESINet) Steering Committee, sub-committees and the Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office. Funding for wireless E9-1-1 is provided for at 25 cents per phone, per month. Local funding options (sales



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tax, property tax, etc.) are also outlined in ORC 128 and are in place in a variety of formats across the state.

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/128>

**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.**

N/A

**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 .....X

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

The Ohio Department of Taxation collects the statewide wireless fees and subsequently distributes the funds according to the prescribed formula:

1% - Wireless 9-1-1 administrative fund

2% - Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office (Administration funding)

97% - Disbursements to County 9-1-1 systems to be used to fund wireless PSAPs.

Local governments collect any locally approved fees (sales tax, property tax, etc.) and appropriate the funding within their local jurisdictions.



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

<b>1. Indicate which entities in your state have the authority to approve the expenditure of funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes.</b>		
Jurisdiction	Authority to Approve Expenditure of Funds (Check one)	
	Yes	No
State	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local (e.g., county, city, municipality)	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>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.)</b>		
State will review expenditures as it relates to approved rules (TBD) and current ORC restrictions during auditing activity of wireless funds (2017). County and local 9-1-1 PSAPs will determine, including consultation with local agency attorney, proper expenditures and actual approval of purchases.		

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

- Yes ..... X
- No .....

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

ORC Chapter 128 outlines approved funding expenditure, including establishing and maintaining wireless E9-1-1, with subsequent approval to pay for infrastructure, software, equipment, training and personnel costs.

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



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**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.**

All funding from the state for wireless 9-1-1 mandates the county provides and maintains wireless E9-1-1 service. Subsequent funds from disbursements are then allowed for additional infrastructure, software, equipment, training and personnel costs. This funding allows local governments to have a funding stream to partially fund their 9-1-1 system, specifically as it relates to wireless 9-1-1.



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<b>2. Please identify the allowed uses of the collected funds. Check all that apply.</b>			
<b>Type of Cost</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Operating Costs</b>	Lease, purchase, maintenance of customer premises equipment (CPE) (hardware and software)	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of computer aided dispatch (CAD) equipment (hardware and software)	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of building/facility	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	Telecommunicators' Salaries	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Training of Telecommunicators	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	Program Administration	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Travel Expenses	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Dispatch Costs</b>	Reimbursement to other law enforcement entities providing dispatch	<input type="checkbox"/>	X <input type="checkbox"/>
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of Radio Dispatch Networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	X <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Grant Programs</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, see 2a.	X <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>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.</b>			
N/A			



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**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.**

<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Fee/Charge Imposed</b>	<b>Jurisdiction Receiving Remittance (e.g., state, county, local authority, or a combination)</b>
Wireline		
Wireless	\$0.25	County (state collects and disburses)
Prepaid Wireless		
Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)		
Other		

**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.**

<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Total Amount Collected (\$)</b>
Wireline	
Wireless	\$25,736,969.91
Prepaid Wireless	
Voice Over Internet Protocol	
Other	
<b>Total</b>	



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

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

Local fees (sales tax, property tax, etc.)

Question	Yes	No
<p><b>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? <i>Check one.</i></b></p>	<p>X <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>4a. If Yes, please describe the federal, state or local funds and amounts that were combined with 911/E911 fees.</b></p>		
<p>State disbursements are sent to each county for use in funding their countywide 9-1-1 systems. Each of Ohio's 88 counties combine these funds with other local funds (general fund, sales tax, property tax, etc.) to fund their 9-1-1 system.</p>		



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<b>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.</b>	<b>Percent</b>
State 911 Fees	Variable
Local 911 Fees	Variable
General Fund - State	N/A
General Fund - County	Variable
Federal Grants	Unknown
State Grants	N/A



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

Question		Yes	No
<b>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.</b>		X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>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.</b>			
<b>Amount of Funds (\$)</b>	<b>Identify the non-related purpose(s) for which the 911/E911 funds were used. (Add lines as necessary)</b>		



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

Question	Yes	No
<b>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.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>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.)</b>		
<p>The auditing function is currently in the planning stages and will be implemented as PSAP rules and other criteria are approved by the ESINet Steering Committee and State Legislature. PSAPs have two-years to comply with the PSAP rules once approved. The estimated implementation of a full auditing program is 2017.</p>		

Question	Yes	No
<b>2. Does your state have the authority to audit service providers to ensure that the amount of 911/E911 fees collected from subscribers matches the service provider's number of subscribers? Check one.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>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.)</b>		
<p>The Ohio Department of Taxation has auditing authority to address this issue.</p>		



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**I. Description of Next Generation 911 Services and Expenditures**

Question	Yes	No
<b>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.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>1a. If yes, in the space below, please cite any specific legal authority:</b>		
<p>ORC Chapter 128 <a href="http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/128">http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/128</a></p>		

Question	Yes	No
<b>2. In the annual period ending December 31, 2014, has your state or jurisdiction expended funds on Next Generation 911 programs? Check one.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>2a. If yes, in the space below, please enter the dollar amount that has been expended.</b>		
<b>Amount</b> (\$ )		



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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Local (e.g., county) ESInet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Regional ESInets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[If more than one Regional ESInet is in operation, in the space below, provide the total PSAPs operating on each ESInet]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Regional ESInet:				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Regional ESInet:				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*One county is operating as a pilot with the state as a Proof of Concept. Four additional counties will be added in late 2015 / early 2016.



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

- Proof of Concept Pilot for statewide ESINet.
- Variety of local NG 9-1-1 procurements in expectation of moving to NG 9-1-1.

Question	Total PSAPs Accepting Texts
<b>5. During the annual period ending December 31, 2014, how many PSAPs within your state implemented text-to-911 and are accepting texts?</b>	Unknown. There are a few border states with Indiana that subscribe to their text-to-911 system.
Question	Estimated Number of PSAPs that will Become Text Capable
<b>6. In the next annual period ending December 31, 2014, how many PSAPs do you anticipate will become text capable?</b>	Unknown. The state is currently investigating text-to-911 options for the statewide ESINet design.



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**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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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?	Unknown

Question	Yes	No	Unknown
3. Does your state or jurisdiction adhere to the National Institute of Standards and Technology <i>Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity</i> (February 2014) for networks supporting one or more PSAPs in your state or jurisdiction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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**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.**

Ohio will begin annual reporting from wireless PSAPs in 2016. Expenditures are expected in 2015 and beyond as the state works to establish a statewide ESINet. There are variety of activities currently underway that will be reflected in the next report. The main focus for the past couple of years has been encouraging consolidation of PSAP services and establishing rules to ensure consistency, efficiency and professionalism in 9-1-1 operations.