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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
Georgia

2. Name, Title and Organization of Individual Filing Report

Name	Title	Organization
Charlene Ruple	State Warning Officer	Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security



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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, 2015:

PSAP Type ¹	Total
Primary	135
Secondary	23
Total	158

2. Please provide the total number of active telecommunicators² in your state or jurisdiction that were funded through the collection of 911 and E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2015:

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

3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2015, please provide an estimate of the total cost to provide 911/E911 service in your state or jurisdiction.

Amount (\$)	unknown
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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.



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

There is no 9-1-1 authority established in the State of Georgia. There is also no central tracking mechanism in place to compile a total of fees imposed or collected by local governments.

4. Please provide the total number of 911 calls your state or jurisdiction received during the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Type of Service	Total 911 Calls
Wireline	Unknown
Wireless	Unknown
VoIP	Unknown
Other	Unknown
Total	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
- No

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

Georgia Code 46-5-133



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1b. If YES, during the annual period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, did your state or jurisdiction amend, enlarge, or in any way alter the funding mechanism.

No

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 X
- 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.

Landline and post-paid wireless 9-1-1 fees are remitted directly to local governments by the service providers. Remittance of the landline fee to a local government is based on the location of the telephone service. Remittance of the post-paid wireless fee to a local government is based on the jurisdiction of the billing address.

Pre-paid wireless fess collected from retailers of pre-paid wireless service by the State of Georgia are distributed to local governments in accordance with Georgia Code 46-5-134.2(j).

Georgia Code 46-5-134(f) outlines allowable uses of all landline and wireless 9-1-1 fees.



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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Local (e.g., county, city, municipality)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.)		
Georgia Code 46-5-134(f) outlines allowable uses of all landline and wireless 9-1-1 fees. Individual local governing bodies approve the expenditure of funds within their control.		

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.

Individual local governing bodies approve the expenditure of funds within their control.



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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.**

Georgia Code 46-5-134(f) provides that 9-1-1 funds may be used for:

In addition to cost recovery as provided in subsection (e) of this Code sections, money from the Emergency Telephone System Fund shall be used only to pay for:

- (1) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone equipment, including necessary computer hardware, software, and data base provisioning; addressing; and nonrecurring costs of establishing a 9-1-1 system;
- (2) The rates associated with the service supplier's 9-1-1 service and other service supplier's recurring charges;
- (3) The actual cost of salaries, including benefits, of employees hired by the local government solely for the operation and maintenance of the emergency 9-1-1 system and the actual cost of training such of those employees who work as dispatchers or who work as directors as that term is defined in Code Section 46-5-138.2;
- (4) Office supplies of the public safety answering points used directly in providing emergency 9-1-1 system services;
- (5) The cost of leasing or purchasing a building used as a public safety answering point. Moneys from the fund cannot be used for the construction or lease of an emergency 9-1-1 system building until the local government has completed its street addressing plan;
- (6) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of computer hardware and software used at a public safety answering point, including computer-assisted dispatch systems;
- (7) Supplies directly related to providing emergency 9-1-1 system services, including the cost of printing emergency 9-1-1 system public education materials; and
- (8) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of logging recorders used at a public safety answering point to record telephone and radio traffic.
- (9) The actual cost, according to generally accepted accounting principles, of insurance purchased by the local government to insure against the risks and liability in the operation and maintenance of the emergency 91-1- system on behalf of the local government or on behalf of employees hired by the local government solely for the operation and maintenance of the emergency 9-1-1 system and employees who work as directors as that term is defined in Code Section 46-5-138.2, whether such insurance is purchased directly from a third-party insurance carrier, funded by the local government's self-funding risk program, or funded by the local government's participation in a group self-insurance fund. As used in this division, the term 'cost of insurance' shall include, but shall not be limited to, any insurance premiums, unit fees, and broker fees paid for insurance obtained by the local government;
- 10) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of a mobile communications vehicle and equipment, if the primary purpose and designation of such vehicle is to function as a backup 9-1-1 system



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- center;
- 11) The allocation of indirect costs associated with supporting the 9-1-1 system center and operations as identified and outlined in an indirect cost allocation plan approved by the local governing authority that is consistent with the costs allocated within the local government to both governmental and business-type activities;
 - 12) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of mobile public safety voice and data equipment, geo-targeted text messaging alert systems, or towers necessary to carry out the function of 9-1-1 system operations; and

The lease, purchase, or maintenance of public safety voice and data communications systems located in the 9-1-1 system facility that further the legislative intent of providing the highest level of emergency response service on a local, regional, and state-wide basis, including equipment and associated hardware and software that supports the use public safety wireless voice and data communication systems.



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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)	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of computer aided dispatch (CAD) equipment (hardware and software)	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of building/facility	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Costs	Telecommunicators' Salaries	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Training of Telecommunicators	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administrative Costs	Program Administration *Unknown*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Travel Expenses *Unknown*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dispatch Costs	Reimbursement to other law enforcement entities providing dispatch *Unknown*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lease, purchase, maintenance of Radio Dispatch Networks	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grant Programs		<input type="checkbox"/> If YES, see 2a.	X
2a. During the annual period ending December 31, 2015, describe the grants that your state paid			



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for through the use of collected 911/E911 fees and the purpose of the grant.
n/a

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	\$1.50/ per month	Local authorities
Wireless	\$1.00/ per month	Local authorities
Prepaid Wireless	\$0.75/ per transaction	Local authorities
Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)	\$1.50/ per month	Local authorities
Other		

2. For the annual period ending December 31, 2015, please report the total amount collected pursuant to the assessed fees or charges described in Question F 1.

Service Type	Total Amount Collected (\$)
Wireline	Unknown
Wireless	Unknown
Prepaid Wireless	GA Fiscal Year July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015 \$17,659,037.41



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Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)	Unknown
Other	
Total	\$17,659,037.41

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

Landline and post-paid wireless 9-1-1 fees are collected by local governments providing 9-1-1 service. There is no central tracking mechanism in place to compile a total amount of fees imposed or collected by local governments.

The total amount collected in pre-paid wireless 9-1-1 fees by the State of Georgia Department of Revenue for the annual period (July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015: Georgia State Fiscal Year) was \$17,659,037.41

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

n/a

Question	Yes	No
4. For the annual period ending December 31, 2015, 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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4a. If YES, please describe the federal, state or local funds and amounts that were combined with 911/E911 fees.		
unknown		



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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	unknown
Local 911 Fees	unknown
General Fund - State	unknown
General Fund - County	unknown
Federal Grants	unknown
State Grants	unknown



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

Question		Yes	No
1. In the annual period ending December 31, 2015, were funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes in your state or jurisdiction made available or used solely for the purposes designated by the funding mechanism? Check one.		X	<input type="checkbox"/>
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)		



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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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
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, 2015. (Enter "None" if no actions were taken.)		
<p>Georgia Code 46-5134(M)(1) requires local governments collecting or expending any 9-1-1 charges or wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges document the amount of funds collected and expended from such charges. Any local government collecting or expending 9-1-1 funds shall certify in their audit, as required under Georgia Code 36-81-7, that 9-1-1 funds were expended in compliance with the expenditure requirements of Georgia Code 46-5-134.</p>		

Question	Yes	No
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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
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, 2015. (Enter "None" if no actions were taken.)		
<p>The Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security has no knowledge of enforcement or corrective actions undertaken in connection with oversight procedures for the annual period ending December 31, 2015.</p>		



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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? <i>Check one.</i>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
1a. If YES, in the space below, please cite any specific legal authority:		
<p>Although Georgia does classify expenditures on Next Generation 911 as within the scope of permissible expenditures of funds for 911 or E911 purposes, they are not labeled specifically as “Next Generation” expenditures.</p>		

Question	Yes	No
2. In the annual period ending December 31, 2015, has your state or jurisdiction expended funds on Next Generation 911 programs? <i>Check one.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
2a. If YES, in the space below, please enter the dollar amount that has been expended.		
Amount (\$)		



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3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2015, 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 *Unknown*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Regional ESInets *Unknown*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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: *Unknown*				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Regional ESInet: *Unknown*				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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4. Please provide a description of any NG911 projects completed or underway during the annual period ending December 31, 2015.

Unknown

Question	Total PSAPs Accepting Texts
5. During the annual period ending December 31, 2015, how many PSAPs within your state implemented text-to-911 and are accepting texts?	5
Question	Estimated Number of PSAPs that will Become Text Capable
6. In the next annual period ending December 31, 2016, how many PSAPs do you anticipate will become text capable?	unknown



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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, 2015, did your state expend funds on cybersecurity programs for PSAPs? <u>*Unknown*</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Question	Total PSAPs
2. During the annual period ending December 31, 2015, how many PSAPs in your state either implemented a cybersecurity program or participated in a regional or state-run cybersecurity program?	<u>*Unknown*</u>

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?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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.**

Local governments collect all 9-1-1 fees. There are no state assessments on these funds available detailing the effects achieved from any 9-1-1 expenditures.