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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	Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office



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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	143
Secondary	60
Total	203

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	661
Part-time	107.5

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 (\$)	\$147,579,296.16
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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.

This is based on responses from 80 of Ohio's 88 counties.

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	1,015,705
Wireless	5,563,016
VoIP	260,039
Other	191,772
Total	7,030,532

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.

See attached spreadsheet for local funding. State funding is contained in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 128.



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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
- 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.

State Funding is collected by the Ohio Department of Taxation and disbursed to the 88 counties.



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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	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local (e.g., county, city, municipality)	X <input 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.)		
State – funding must meet Ohio Revised Code Chapter 128. Localities have authority over local funds. All are subject to state audit of county.		

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.

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 128.

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.**

The state collects a monthly 25 cent fee on all cellular phones and a .05% on pre-paid cellular phones. 1% of collections goes to the Ohio Department of Taxation to fund the processes needed to handle the funds. 2% of collections goes to the Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office to coordinate state level 9-1-1 activity associated with 9-1-1 and NG 9-1-1. 97% is disbursed to the counties who can expend funds per rules in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 128.

See attached spreadsheet for local response from 80 of Ohio's 88 counties.



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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"/>	<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"/>
Personnel Costs	Telecommunicators' Salaries	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Training of Telecommunicators	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administrative Costs	Program Administration	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Travel Expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	X <input type="checkbox"/>
Dispatch Costs	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"/>
Grant Programs		<input type="checkbox"/> If YES, see 2a.	X <input type="checkbox"/>
2a. During the annual period ending December 31, 2015, describe the grants that your state paid for through the use of collected 911/E911 fees and the purpose of the grant.			
*** Answers above apply to state funds – see attached spreadsheet for local responses.			



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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.		
Service Type	Fee/Charge Imposed	Jurisdiction Receiving Remittance (e.g., state, county, local authority, or a combination)
Wireline	N/A	*See attached spreadsheet for local responses.
Wireless	25 cents monthly	State *See attached spreadsheet for local responses.
Prepaid Wireless	.05%	State *See attached spreadsheet for local responses.
Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)	N/A	*See attached spreadsheet for local responses.
Other	N/A	*See attached spreadsheet for local responses.

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	State – N/A *See attached spreadsheet for local responses
Wireless	25,000,000.00+ *See attached spreadsheet for local



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	responses
Prepaid Wireless	State – Incorporated with \$25,000,000.00 amount listed in wireless. *See attached spreadsheet for local responses
Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)	State – N/A *See attached spreadsheet for local responses
Other	State – N/A *See attached spreadsheet for local responses
Total	State - \$25,000,000.00+ *See attached spreadsheet for local responses

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

Attached spreadsheet indicates responses from 80 of Ohio’s 88 counties.
State collections vary due to consumer usage – averages at \$25,000,000.00 annually.

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

Question	Yes	No
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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? <i>Check one.</i>	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4a. If YES, please describe the federal, state or local funds and amounts that were combined with 911/E911 fees.		
See attached spreadsheet for local responses from 80 of Ohio's 88 counties.		



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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	*This differs by each county. Some counties' entire 9-1-1 budget is from state disbursements, while others have general local funding or a tax levy. See attached spreadsheet of responses from 80 of Ohio's 88 counties.
Local 911 Fees	
General Fund - State	
General Fund - County	
Federal Grants	
State Grants	



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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.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.)		
Rules were established, as well as criteria in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 128. Auditing will take place in 2016 for state fund usage, while additional rules will become effective in 2018.		

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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.)		
The Ohio Department of Taxation, Ohio Auditor and Ohio Attorney General may engage in this activity under certain circumstances.		



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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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1a. If YES, in the space below, please cite any specific legal authority:		
Ohio Revised Code Chapter 128.		

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>	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>



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

There are a variety of counties who have their “ESINet” built out and ready to go, however none are active NG 9-1-1 in 2015.

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?	6
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?	63



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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?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" 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?	40

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 checked="" 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.**

Currently, each county in Ohio can only expend state funds for approved expenditures on four wireless PSAPs. This number will drop to three in 2018. Counties with large municipal corporations that reach a certain population threshold can expend state funds on an additional PSAP. Local funding is through general funds, tax levies, fees or sales tax measures.

The effectiveness is varied depending on the specific county. Some rural counties' entire 9-1-1 budget is from state funding, while others completely fund their operation locally and use state funds for equipment and training purchases.

Assessments of funding use will begin in 2017 for calendar year 2016. Additional compliance auditing will begin in May of 2018 in reference to PSAP Operations Rules that just became effective with a two-year compliance period.

Local responses to this survey were so varied and intricate, the format could not be used to recap local details. A spreadsheet is attached indicating local responses to questions that resulted in a wide variety of responses.



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