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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:

1. **Filing Information**
2. **Name of State or Jurisdiction**

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| **State or Jurisdiction** |
| South Carolina |

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

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Organization** |
| David Morrison | SC Wireless 911 Program Manager | SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office |

1. **Overview of State or Jurisdiction 911 System**
2. **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, 2018:**

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| **PSAP Type[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Total** |
| Primary | 69 |
| Secondary | 11 |
| **Total** |  |

1. **Please provide the total number of active telecommunicators[[2]](#footnote-2) in your state or jurisdiction that were funded through the collection of 911 and E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2018:**

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| **Number of Active Telecommunicators** | **Total** |
| Full-Time |  |
| Part-time |  |

1. **For the annual period ending December 31, 2018, please provide an estimate of the total cost to provide 911/E911 service in your state or jurisdiction.**

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| **Amount****($)** |  |

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

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| We do not collect that type of information. The State 911 office only deals with wireless 911 and the distribution of wireless 911 surcharges back to the PSAPs. |

1. **Please provide the total number of 911 calls your state or jurisdiction received during the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.**

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| **Type of Service** | **Total 911 Calls** |
| Wireline | 856,023 |
| Wireless  | 3,570,302 |
| VoIP | 151,513 |
| Other | 2,931 |
| **Total** | 4,580,769x |

1. **Description of Authority Enabling Establishment of 911/E911 Funding Mechanisms**
2. **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.**

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| The State of South Carolina has established a mechanism to fund E911 services. S.C. Code of Laws Title 23, Chapter 47, Section 40 governs landlines and Section 23-47-65 governs wireless. Landline based funding is administered by local governments. Wireless based funding is administered by the SC Wireless 911 Program under the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. |

**1b. If YES, during the annual period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, did your state or jurisdiction amend, enlarge, or in any way alter the funding mechanism.**

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| No |

1. **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]

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

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| The wireless 911 surcharges are remitted by the Wireless Service Providers to the SC Department of Revenue and funds are transferred to the state treasurer’s office and split into 3 portions. **PSAP Services** **(39.8%)** - distributed back to the PSAPs every quarter based on their number of wireless 911 calls for that quarter.**Compliance Costs (58.2%)** - distributed back to the PSAPs and WSPs based on cost recovery requests submitted by the PSAPs. PSAPs can apply for cost recovery of expenses involving the purchase of 911 equipment, upgrades to 911 equipment and maintenance on that equipment. The PSAPs must supply supporting documentation (bills, invoices, etc…) for the items eligible for reimbursement. WSPs can also request cost recovery on expenses associated with and dedicated to providing wireless 911 services to their customers.**Board Operations (2%)** – goes to the SC Wireless 911 Program for auditing, administrative, legal, or other support services.The State of South Carolina has no role in collecting, distributing or monitoring landline based fees. Those fees are collected by the provider and remitted directly back to the counties. The criteria for acceptable use of landline fees is outlined in section 23-47-40. |

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

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| 1. **Indicate which entities in your state have the authority to approve the expenditure of funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes.**
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| **Jurisdiction** | **Authority to Approve** **Expenditure of Funds*****(Check one)*** |
| **Yes** | **No** |
| State | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| Local (*e.g.*, county, city, municipality) | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **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 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office has no role in collecting, distributing or monitoring landline based fees. The criteria for acceptable use of landline fees is outlined in section 23-47-40.The Section 23-47-65 of the S.C. Code of Laws gives the CMRS Advisory Committee authority to approve certain reimbursements at the local level from wireless based fees.  |

1. **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.**

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| The criteria for acceptable use of landline fees is outlined in SC Code of Laws section 23-47-40.The criteria for acceptable use of wireless fees is outlined in section 23-47-65. |

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

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1. **Description of Uses of Collected 911/E911 Fees**
2. **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.**

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| The State of South Carolina disbursed $31,946,815.45 from the CMRS 911 Phone Surcharge fund (wireless) to PSAPs and CMRS providers.  The State of South Carolina reimbursed PSAPs a total of $18,457,166.47 for the purchasing of 911 equipment, hardware and software and recurring charges associated with such equipment.  An additional $12,665,715.13 was distributed to the PSAPs based on each jurisdiction’s total wireless 911 call volume.   Finally, $823,933.85 was distributed to CMRS providers for 911 equipment dedicated to providing wireless 911 service.  The PSAPs and CMRS providers benefit from the reimbursements and distributions by providing financial support to upgrade and purchase new equipment to provide the best possible 911 service throughout the State of South Carolina. |

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| 1. **Please identify the allowed uses of the collected funds. *Check all that apply*.**
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| **Type of Cost** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **Operating Costs** | Lease, purchase, maintenance of customer premises equipment (CPE) (hardware and software) | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| Lease, purchase, maintenance of computer aided dispatch (CAD) equipment (hardware and software) | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| Lease, purchase, maintenance of building/facility | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  |
| **Personnel Costs** | Telecommunicators’ Salaries | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  |
| Training of Telecommunicators | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Administrative Costs** | Program Administration | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| Travel Expenses | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  |
| **Dispatch Costs** | Reimbursement to other law enforcement entities providing dispatch | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| Lease, purchase, maintenance of Radio Dispatch Networks | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  |
| **Grant Programs** |  | **[ ]** **If YES, see 2a.** | **[x]**  |
| **2a. During the annual period ending December 31, 2018, describe the grants that your state paid for through the use of collected 911/E911 fees and the purpose of the grant.** |
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1. **Description of 911/E911 Fees Collected**

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| 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.**
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| **Service Type** | **Fee/Charge Imposed** | **Jurisdiction Receiving Remittance****(*e.g.*, state, county, local authority, or a combination)** |
| Wireline | $0.45 - $1.00 | Local Jurisdictions |
| Wireless | $0.62 | State |
| Prepaid Wireless | $0.62 | State |
| Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) | $0.45 - $1.00 | Local Jurisdictions |
| Other |  |  |

1. **For the annual period ending December 31, 2018, please report the total amount collected pursuant to the assessed fees or charges described in Question F 1.**

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| **Service Type** | **Total Amount Collected ($)** |
| Wireline |  |
| Wireless | $23,189,664.98 |
| Prepaid Wireless | $8,084,561.95 |
| Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) |  |
| Other |  |
| **Total** | $31,274,226.93 |

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

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| The state is not involved in the wireline collections. Wireline is handled at the local level. The state receive information on landline collections for each PSAP for one month each year to calculate the wireless fee. We do not receive that information for the whole year. |

1. **Please identify any other sources of 911/E911 funding.**

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| Local appropriations |

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1. **For the annual period ending December 31, 2018, 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]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **4a.** **If YES, please describe the federal, state or local funds and amounts that were combined with 911/E911 fees.** |
| Local Jurisdictions collect landline 911 fees and combine those fees with the wireless 911 funds distributed by our office to support local 911/E911/NG911 services. |

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| 1. **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 |  |

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

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1. **In the annual period ending December 31, 2018, 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]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **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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1. **Oversight and Auditing of Collection and Use of 911/E911 Fees**

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| **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]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **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, 2018.** *(Enter “None” if no actions were taken.)* |
| None |

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1. **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]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **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, 2018.** *(Enter “None” if no actions were taken.)* |
| None |

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

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| **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.*
 | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **1a. If YES, in the space below, please cite any specific legal authority:** |
| SC Code of Laws 23-47 (Public Safety Communications Center) |

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1. **In the annual period ending December 31, 2018, has your state or jurisdiction expended funds on Next Generation 911 programs?** *Check one.*
 | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **2a. If YES, in the space below, please enter the dollar amount that has been expended.** |
| **Amount****($)** |  |

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| 1. **For the annual period ending December 31, 2018, please describe the type and number of NG911 Emergency Service IP Network(s) (ESInets) that operated within your state.**
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| **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** |
| 1. A single, state-wide ESInet
 | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  |  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| 1. Local (*e.g.*, county) ESInet
 | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | 4 | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| 1. Regional ESInets
 | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | [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: |  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |

1. **Please provide a description of any NG911 projects completed or underway during the annual period ending December 31, 2018.**

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| We have 4 counties that are operating on their own ESInet. South Carolina is laying the groundwork to issue an RFP for a statewide ESInet in the summer of 2019. |

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| **Question** | **Total PSAPs****Accepting Texts** |
| 1. **During the annual period ending December 31, 2018, how many PSAPs within your state implemented text-to-911 and are accepting texts?**
 | 12 |
| **Question** | **Estimated Number of PSAPs****that will Become Text Capable** |
| 1. **In the next annual period ending December 31, 2018, how many PSAPs do you anticipate will become text capable?**
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1. **Description of Cybersecurity Expenditures**

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| **Question** | **Check the appropriate box** | **If Yes,****Amount Expended ($)** |
| 1. **During the annual period ending December 31, 2018, did your state expend funds on cybersecurity programs for PSAPs?**
 | Yes[ ]  | No**[x]**  |  |

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| **Question** | **Total PSAPs** |
| 1. **During the annual period ending December 31, 2018, how many PSAPs in your state either implemented a cybersecurity program or participated in a regional or state-run cybersecurity program?**
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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** | **Unknown** |
| 1. **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?**
 | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  |

1. **Measuring Effective Utilization of 911/E911 Fees**
2. **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.**

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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*), Apr. 13, 2018, at 162, available at <https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/standards/NENA-ADM-000.22-2018_FINAL_2.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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 192. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)