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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 (the Bureau) seeks the following specific information in order to fulfill the Commission’s obligations under Section 6(f)(2) of the NET 911 Act, as amended by Section 902.[[1]](#footnote-2)

**Instructions for Filling Out the Questionnaire**

**Please read and follow these general instructions:**

* Please complete all sections of this form.
* Please enter only numeric responses where requested.
  + Dollar or percentage signs, decimal points, and thousands separator commas are acceptable.
  + Blank responses, “None”, “Unknown”, or “N/A” are also acceptable.
  + To facilitate the Bureau’s calculations for the Annual Fee Report, please avoid stray characters such as: \*, ~, (), or [] in numeric responses.
* Use the associated Addendum fields to enter other information, such as footnotes, qualifiers, text, descriptions, and/or explanations.
* All responses should pertain to calendar year (January 1 – December 31), not fiscal year.
* Unless otherwise directed, please provide requested information directly on this form, rather than submit, refer to, and/or rely on supplemental materials.
* Please consolidate separate response forms (and/or responses to individual questions) completed by counties, municipalities, or other local jurisdictions into one response form for the entire state, using sums and averages as appropriate.

1. **Filing Information**

**A1. Name of State or Jurisdiction**

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| **State or Jurisdiction** |
| Georgia |

**A2. Name, Title and Organization of Individual Filing Report**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Organization** |
| Greg Whitaker | Executive Director | Georgia Emergency Communications Authority |

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| **Addendum Section A** |
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1. **Overview of State or Jurisdiction 911 System**

**B1. Please provide the total number of active primary and secondary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in your state or jurisdiction that received funding derived from the collection of 911/E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2021. PSAPs that did not receive funding derived from the collection of 911/E911 fees need not be included in the response boxes, but may be reported in Addendum Section B1.**

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| **PSAP Type[[2]](#footnote-3)** | **Number of PSAPs** |
| Primary | 155 |
| Secondary | 0 |
| **Total** | 155 |

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| **Addendum Section B1** |
| Secondary PSAPs are not eligible for fee collection. |

**B2. Please provide the total number of active telecommunicators[[3]](#footnote-4) in your state or jurisdiction that were funded through the collection of 911 and E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2021. Telecommunicators that were not funded through the collection of 911 and E911 fees need not be included in the response boxes, but may be reported in Addendum Section B2.**

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| **Telecommunicator Type** | **Number of Active Telecommunicators Funded by 911/E911 Fees** |
| Full Time | Unknown |
| Part Time | Unknown |

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| **Addendum Section B2** |
| There are currently over 3,500 actively employed telecommunicators throughout the State of Georgia; however, the local government may not use 911 fees to pay salaries. Additionally, we are unable to differentiate between full-time and part-time telecommunicators. |

**B3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2021, please provide an estimate of the total cost to provide 911/E911 service in your state or jurisdiction.**

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

**B3a. If an amount cannot be provided, please explain why.**

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| The Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) does not capture the total cost to provide 911/E911 service throughout the state. 911 telephone fees are disbursed to local jurisdictions, but many jurisdictions supplement their 911 fees to cover their operational expenses. |

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| **Addendum Section B3** |
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**B4. Please provide the total number of 911 voice calls that your state or jurisdiction received during the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.**

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| **Type of Service** | **Total 911 Voice Calls** |
| Wireline | Unknown |
| Wireless | Unknown |
| VoIP | Unknown |
| Other (report 911 texts separately below in B.4a) | Unknown |
| **Total** | 12,505,076 |

**B4a. Please provide the total number of 911 texts that your state or jurisdiction received during the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.**

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| Texts to 911 | Unknown |

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| **Addendum Section B4** |
| The State of Georgia’s submission is based on data from 140 of 155 (90.3%) reporting PSAPs. There is no statewide system for gathering call data, and some local PSAPs do not have the software necessary to capture call delivery mechanisms. |

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

**C1. 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 ………………..…..

**C1a. If YES, provide a citation to the legal authority for such a mechanism.**

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| O.C.G.A. § 46-5-133 and § 46-5-134 |

**C1b. If YES to C1, during the annual period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, did your state or jurisdiction amend, enlarge, or in any way alter the funding mechanism?** *Check one (leave blank if NO to C1).*

* Yes …………………..
* No ………………..…..
* Unknown ………..…..

**C1c. If YES to C1b., provide a description of amendments, enlargements, or alterations to the funding mechanism, if applicable.**

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| **Addendum Section C1** |
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**C2. 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

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| **Addendum Section C2** |
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**C3. Describe how the funds collected are made available to localities.**

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| On 1 January 2019, the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) contracted with the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) to collect and disburse monthly non-prepaid and prepaid 911 fees. The DOR disburses wireline, wireless, and VoIP fees to PSAPs using the subscriber’s enhanced zip code associated with the billing address. Prepaid wireless remittances are disbursed proportionally based on total fees collected and the local governments’ percent of the state's total population. GECA personnel sends a monthly notice to each PSAP that specifies the amount of non-prepaid and prepaid fees disbursed to the local government. This information is also posted on GECA’s website. |

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

**D1. Indicate which entities in your state have the authority to approve the expenditure of funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes.** *Check one*.

* The State has authority to approve the expenditure of funds ………………….…..
* One or more local authorities has authority to approve the expenditure of funds…
* A hybrid approach where two or more governing bodies (e.g., state or local authority) have authority to approve the expenditure of funds ……………………………….

**D1a. 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.).**

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| The State of Georgia outlines allowable expenses in O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134(f). |

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| **Addendum Section D1** |
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**D2. Has your state established a funding mechanism that mandates *how* collected funds can be used? *Check one*.**

* Yes …………………..
* No ………………..…..

**D2a.** **If you checked YES, provide a legal citation to the funding mechanism of any such criteria.**

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| The State of Georgia outlines allowable expenses in O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134(f). |

**D2b.** **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**

**E1. 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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| (f) (1) In addition to cost recovery as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section, money from the Emergency Telephone System Fund shall be used only to pay for:  (A) 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;  (B) The rates associated with the service supplier's 9-1-1 service and other service supplier's recurring charges;  (C) The actual cost, according to generally accepted accounting principles, of salaries and employee benefits incurred by the local government for 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 employee benefits are 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 paragraph, the term "employee benefits" means health benefits, disability benefits, death benefits, accidental death and dismemberment benefits, pension benefits, retirement benefits, workers' compensation, and such other benefits as the local government may provide. Said term shall also include any post-employment benefits the local government may provide;  (D) The actual cost, according to generally accepted accounting principles, of training 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;  (E) Office supplies of the public safety answering points used directly in providing emergency 9-1-1 system services;  (F) The cost of leasing or purchasing a building used as a public safety answering point. Moneys from the fund shall not 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;  (G) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of computer hardware and software used at a public safety answering point, including computer-assisted dispatch systems and automatic vehicle location systems;  (H) 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  (I) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of logging recorders used at a public safety answering point to record telephone and radio traffic.  (2) (A) In addition to cost recovery as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section, money from the Emergency Telephone System Fund may be used to pay for those purposes set forth in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, if:  (i) The local government's 9-1-1 system provides enhanced 9-1-1 service;  (ii) The revenues from the 9-1-1 charges or wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges in the local government's Emergency Telephone System Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be projected to exceed the cost of providing enhanced 9- 1-1 services as authorized in subparagraphs (A) through (I) of paragraph (1) of this subsection and the cost of providing enhanced 9-1-1 services as authorized in subparagraphs (A) through (I) of paragraph (1) of this subsection includes a reserve amount equal to at least 10 percent of the previous year's expenditures; and  (iii) Funds for such purposes are distributed pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the local governments whose citizens are served by the emergency 9-1-1 system proportionately by population as determined by the most recent decennial census published by the United States Bureau of the Census at the time such agreement is entered into.  (B) Pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Emergency Telephone System Fund may be used to pay for:  (i) 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 9-1-1 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;  (ii) 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 center;  (iii) 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;  (iv) 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  (v) 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 support the use of public safety wireless voice and data communication systems. |

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| **E2. Please identify the uses of the collected funds.[[4]](#footnote-5) *Check all that apply*.** | | | |
| **Type of Cost** | | **Yes** | **No** |
| **PSAP operating costs, including technological innovation that supports 911** | Lease, purchase, maintenance, replacement, and upgrade of customer premises equipment (CPE) (hardware and software) |  |  |
| Lease, purchase, maintenance, replacement, and upgrade of computer aided dispatch (CAD) equipment (hardware and software) |  |  |
| Lease, purchase, maintenance, replacement, and upgrade of PSAP building/facility |  |  |
| NG911, cybersecurity, pre-arrival instructions, and emergency notification systems (ENS) |  |  |
| **PSAP personnel costs** | Telecommunicators’ Salaries |  |  |
| Training of Telecommunicators |  |  |
| **PSAP administrative costs** | Program Administration |  |  |
| Travel Expenses |  |  |
| **Costs for integration and interoperability of 911 systems and public safety/first responder radio systems** | Integrating public safety/first responder dispatch and 911 systems, including lease, purchase, maintenance, and upgrade of CAD hardware and software to support integrated 911 and public safety dispatch operations |  |  |
| Providing for the interoperability of 911 systems with one another and with public safety/first responder radio systems |  |  |
| **Grant programs** |  | **If YES, see E2a.** |  |
| **E2a. During the annual period ending December 31, 2021, describe the grants that your state paid for through the use of collected 911/E911 fees and the purpose of such grants.** | | | |
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| **Addendum Section E2** |
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1. **Description of 911/E911 Fees Collected**

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| **F1. Please describe the amount of 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**  *Check one for each Service Type.* | | |
| **State** | **County or Local Authority** | **Combination of State and County/Local** |
| **Wireline – monthly fee ($)** | $1.50 |  |  |  |
| **Wireless – monthly fee ($)** | $1.50 |  |  |  |
| **Prepaid Wireless – provide *either* flat fee ($) or percentage (%) per retail transaction** *(leave inapplicable cell blank)* | $1.50 |  |  |  |
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| **Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) – monthly fee ($)** | $1.50 |  |  |  |
| **Other – monthly fee ($)** | $ |  |  |  |

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| **Addendum Section F1** |
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**F2. For the annual period ending December 31, 2021, please report the total amount collected pursuant to the assessed fees or charges described in Question F1.**

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| **Service Type** | **Total Amount Collected ($)** |
| Wireline | Unknown |
| Wireless | Unknown |
| Prepaid Wireless | $45,846,683.84 |
| Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) | Unknown |
| Other | $190,625,705.56 |
| **Total** | $236,472,389.40 |

**F2a. If an amount cannot be provided, please explain why.**

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| The fees collected for wireline, wireless, and VoIP are not differentiated when remitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR). The “other” category reports the total wireline, wireless, and VoIP fees remitted. |

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| **Addendum Section F2** |
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**F3. Please identify any other sources of 911/E911 funding.**

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| Some local governments use a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to fund capital improvements. Many local governments also use general funds to supplement 911/E911 funding. |

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **F4. For the annual period ending December 31, 2021, 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.* |  |  |
| **F4a.** **If YES, please describe the federal, state or local funds and amounts that were combined with 911/E911 fees.** | | |
| The Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) received 1% of all 911 fees remitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR). Some of this funding was used as cash match for the NHTSA-NTIA Grant awarded to GECA in August of 2019. | | |

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| **Addendum Section F4** |
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| **F5. 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 | 55 |
| Local 911 Fees | 0 |
| General Fund - State | 0 |
| General Fund - County | 45 |
| Federal Grants | 0 |
| State Grants | 0 |

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| **Addendum Section F5** |
| In 2020, a survey was distributed to PSAPs throughout the state. The aggregate survey data was used to estimate the percent of each PSAP’s budget attributed to 911 fees. This survey was not updated during the annual period ending 31 December 2021. |

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

For the purposes of this questionnaire, diversion is the obligation or expenditure of a 911 fee or charge for a purpose or function other than the purposes and functions identified in 47 CFR § 9.23 of the Commission’s rules as acceptable.

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| **Question** | | **Yes** | **No** |
| **G1. In the annual period ending December 31, 2021, were funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes in your state or jurisdiction obligated or expended solely for acceptable purposes and functions as provided under 47 CFR § 9.23?** *Check one*. | |  |  |
| **G1a.** **If NO, please identify what amount of funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes were obligated or expended for purposes or functions other than those designated as acceptable under 47 CFR § 9.23, 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 purposes or functions for such funds.** | | | |
| **Amount of Funds ($)** | **Identify the purposes or functions other than those designated as acceptable by the Commission for which the 911/E911 funds were obligated or expended. (*If you need more rows for your response, please enter the information in Addendum Section G1.*)** | | |
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| **Addendum Section G1** |
| The State of Georgia outlines allowable expenses in O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134(f); however, the state does not have oversight of local expenditures. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134(m(1)), all local governments collecting or expending 911 funds shall submit annually a Certification of 9-1-1 Expenditures form to the State Department of Audits to certify that funds were expended in compliance with the funding requirements.  The Certification of 9-1-1 Expenditures form requests expenditure amounts for wireless service supplier cost recovery charges, emergency telephone equipment (necessary computer hardware, software, and database provisioning, addressing, and nonrecurring costs of establishing a 9-1-1 system), lease costs, purchase costs, maintenance costs, rates associated with the service suppliers 9-1-1 service and other service suppliers recurring charges, 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 defined in O.C.G.A. §46-5-138.2, salaries and wages, employee benefits, costs of training employees who work as dispatchers or directors, office supplies of the public safety answering points used directly in providing emergency 9-1-1 system services, building used as a public safety answering point, computer hardware and software used at a public safety answering point (including computer assisted dispatch systems and automatic vehicle location systems), supplies directly related to providing emergency 9-1-1 system services (including the cost of printing emergency 9-1-1 public education materials), logging recorders used at a public safety answering point to record logging recorders used at a public safety answering point to record), insurance purchased to insure against risks and liability in the operation and maintenance of the 9-1-1 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 9-1-1 system and employees who work as director, mobile communications vehicle and equipment (if the primary purpose and designation of such vehicle is to function as a backup 9-1-1 system center), 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, mobile public safety voice and data equipment, geo-targeted test messaging alert systems or towers necessary to carry out the function of 9-1-1 system operations, 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/state-wide basis (including equipment and associated hardware and software that supports the use of public safety wireless voice and data communication systems) and other expenditures not listed above.  In 2021, the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority did not audit the data submitted to the State Department of Audits; therefore, the Authority is unaware if funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes were obligated or expended solely for the acceptable purposes and functions as provided under 47 CFR § 9.23. |

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| **Question** | | **Yes** | **No** |
| **G2. In the annual period ending December 31, 2021, were funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes in your state or jurisdiction obligated or expended for the purchase, maintenance, replacement, or upgrade of public safety radios, networks, equipment, or related infrastructure?** *Check one*. | |  |  |
| **G2a. If YES to G2, are all of the public safety radios, networks, equipment, or related infrastructure on which funds were obligated or expended used to deliver 911-originated information to emergency responders? For the purposes of this questionnaire, 911-originated information includes all data and information delivered between the 911 request for assistance and the emergency responders.** | |  |  |
| **G2a(i). If NO to G2a, please explain.** | | | |
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| **G2b.** **If YES to G2, please itemize the amounts that were obligated or expended and include descriptions of the public safety radios, networks, equipment, or related infrastructure.** | | | |
| **Amount of Funds ($)** | **Description of such obligations or expenditures. (*If you need more rows for your response, please enter the information in Addendum Section G2.*)** | | |
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| **Addendum Section G2** |
| During 2021, the State of Georgia did not audit the use of 911 fees by local governments; therefore, the state is unaware if local jurisdictions obligated or expended funds for the purchase, maintenance, replacement, or upgrade of public safety radios, networks, equipment, or related infrastructure. |

**Safe Harbor for Multi-Purpose Fees**. Section 9.23(d) of the rules provides an elective safe harbor for states and taxing jurisdictions that designate multi-purpose fees or charges for “public safety,” “emergency services,” or other similar purposes where a portion of those fees or charges supports 911 services. *See* 47 CFR § 9.23(d). The rule provides that the obligation or expenditure of such a fee or charge will not constitute diversion if the state or taxing jurisdiction (i) specifies the amount or percentage of such fees or charges that is dedicated to 911 services; (ii) ensures that the 911 portion of such fees or charges is segregated and not commingled with any other funds; and (iii) obligates or expends the 911 portion of such fees or charges for acceptable purposes and functions as defined under the Commission’s rules.

**G3. Does your state or taxing jurisdiction collect fees or charges designated for “public safety,” “emergency services,” or other similar purposes where a portion of those fees or charges supports 911 services?** *Check one.*

* Yes …………………..
* No ………………..…..

**If YES to G3, please answer Questions G3a – G3c below.** *(If NO to G3, leave blank.)*

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **G3a. Does the state or taxing jurisdiction specify the amount or percentage of such fees or charges that is dedicated to 911 services?** *Check one.* |  |  |
| **Question** | **Response** | |
| **G3a(i). Cite to the authority by which the state or taxing jurisdiction specifies the amount or percentage.** |  | |
| **G3a(ii). Indicate the amount or percentage of such a fee dedicated to 911 services. Provide *either* dollar amount or percentage.** *(Leave inapplicable cell blank.)* | $ | |
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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **G3b. Does the state or taxing jurisdiction ensure that the 911 portion of such fees or charges is segregated and not commingled with any other funds?** *Check one.* |  |  |
| **G3b(i). Cite to the authority by which the state or taxing jurisdiction segregates such fees.** | | |
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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **G3c. Does the state or taxing jurisdiction obligate or expend the 911 portion of such fees or charges only for the purposes and functions designated by the Commission as acceptable pursuant to 47 CFR § 9.23?** *Check one.* |  |  |
| **G3c(i). If NO to G3c, please explain.** | | |
| 911 or E911 fees are collected separately from all other fees that may be designated for “public safety” or “emergency services.” | | |

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| **Addendum Section G3** |
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1. **Oversight and Auditing of Collection and Use of 911/E911 Fees**

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **H1. Has your state established any oversight or auditing mechanisms or procedures to determine whether collected funds have been obligated or expended for acceptable purposes and functions as designated under the Commission’s rules?** *Check one.* |  |  |
| **H1a.** **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, 2021.** *(Enter “None” if no actions were taken.)* | | |
| O.C.G.A. 46-5-134(m)  (1) Any local government collecting or expending any 9-1-1 charges or wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges in any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2005, shall document the amount of funds collected and expended from such charges. Any local government collecting or expending 9-1-1 funds shall certify in its audit, as required under Code Section 36-81-7, that 9-1-1 funds were expended in compliance with the expenditure requirements of this Code section.  Any local government which makes expenditures not in compliance with this Code section may be held liable for pro rata reimbursement to telephone and wireless telecommunications subscribers of amounts improperly expended. Such liability may be established in judicial proceedings by any aggrieved party. The noncompliant local government shall be solely financially responsible for the reimbursement and for any costs associated with the reimbursement. Such reimbursement shall be accomplished by the service suppliers abating the imposition of the 9-1-1 charges and wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges until such abatement equals the total amount of the rebate. | | |

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| **Addendum Section H1** |
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| **Question** | **Yes** | | **No** | |
| **H2. 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.* |  | |  | |
| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** | | **N/A** |
| **H2a. Did your state conduct an audit of service providers in connection with such auditing authority during the annual period ending December 31, 2021?** *Check one; check N/A if Question H2 response above is NO*. |  |  | |  |
| **H2b. If YES to H2 and H2a, 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, 2021.** *(Leave blank if not applicable / no actions were taken.)* | | | | |
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| **Addendum Section H2** |
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1. **Description of Next Generation 911 Services and Expenditures**

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **I1. Does your state or jurisdiction classify expenditures on Next Generation 911 (NG911) as within the scope of acceptable purposes and functions for the obligation or expenditure of 911 fees or charges?** *Check one.* |  |  |
| **I1a. If YES, please cite any specific legal authority:** | | |
| O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134(f) does not explicitly list "NG911" in the code section, but local governments are authorized to expend funds for Next Generation 911. | | |

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| **Question** | | **Yes** | **No** |
| **I2. In the annual period ending December 31, 2021, has your state or jurisdiction expended funds on NG911 programs?** *Check one.* | |  |  |
| **I2a. If YES, please enter the dollar amount that has been expended during the annual period.** | | | |
| **Amount**  **($)** |  | | |

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| **Addendum Section I2** |
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| **I3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2021, please provide the number of PSAPs that operated on each type 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** |
| I3a. A single, state-wide ESInet |  |  |  |  |  |
| I3b. Local (*e.g.*, county) ESInet(s) |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| I3c. Regional ESInets |  |  | [If one Regional ESInet is in operation, provide the total PSAPs on the first line below. If more than one Regional ESInet is in operation, provide the total PSAPs operating on each ESInet.] |  |  |
| Name of Regional ESInet 1: | | |  |  |  |
| Name of Regional ESInet 2: | | |  |  |  |
| Name of Regional ESInet 3: | | |  |  |  |
| Name of Regional ESInet 4: | | |  |  |  |
| Name of Regional ESInet 5: | | |  |  |  |
| Name of Regional ESInet 6: | | |  |  |  |
| Name of Regional ESInet 7: | | |  |  |  |
| **If more Regional ESInets operate in your state or taxing jurisdiction, please list the names of Regional ESInets 8 and higher, and numbers of associated PSAPs, in the space below:** | | | | | |
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| **Addendum Section I3** |
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**I4. Please provide a description of any NG911 projects completed or underway during the annual period ending December 31, 2021.**

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| Georgia was awarded federal funds for NG911 planning (survey, NG911 strategic plan development, RFP development assistance), a GIS gap analysis, and NG911 training. |

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| **I4a. Based on your response to I4, please indicate which categories of NG911 expenditures from this non-exhaustive list apply.** | ***Check all that apply*.** |
| **General Project or Not Specified** |  |
| **Planning or Consulting Services** |  |
| **ESInet Construction** |  |
| **NG911 Core Services** |  |
| **Hardware or Software Purchases or Upgrades** |  |
| **GIS** |  |
| **NG911 Security Planning** |  |
| **Training** |  |

**I5. As of December 31, 2021, how many PSAPs within your state have implemented text-to-911 and are accepting texts? Please refrain from non-numeric responses such as “all PSAPs.” Enter any text in Addendum Section I5.**

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| **Total Number of PSAPs Accepting Texts as of December 31, 2021** | 68 |

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| **Addendum Section I5** |
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**I6. By the end of the *next* annual period ending December 31, 2022, how many *total* PSAPs do you anticipate will have implemented text-to-911 and will be accepting texts?**

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| **Estimated Total Number of PSAPs Accepting Texts as of December 31, 2022** | Unknown |

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| **Addendum Section I6** |
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1. **Cybersecurity Expenditures**

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| **Question** | **Check the appropriate box** | | **If Yes,**  **Amount Expended ($)** |
| **J1. During the annual period ending December 31, 2021, did your state expend funds on cybersecurity programs for PSAPs?** | Yes | No |  |

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| **Addendum Section J1** |
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| **Question** | **Total PSAPs** |
| **J2. During the annual period ending December 31, 2021, how many PSAPs in your state either implemented a cybersecurity program or participated in a regional or state-run cybersecurity program?** | Unknown |

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** | **Unknown** |
| **J3. Does your state or jurisdiction adhere to the National Institute of Standards and Technology *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity* (April 2018) for networks supporting one or more PSAPs in your state or jurisdiction?**[[5]](#footnote-6) *Check one.* |  |  |  |

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| **Addendum Section J3** |
| There is no statewide network to support PSAPs located throughout Georgia. |

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

**K1. 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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| The State of Georgia currently does not have a means of assessing the effects achieved from the expenditure of state 911/E911 or NG911 funds. |

1. **Underfunding of 911**

For the purposes of this questionnaire, underfunding occurs when funding levels are below the levels required for optimal performance of 911 operations.

**L1. Describe the impact of any underfunding of 911 services in your state or taxing jurisdiction during the annual period ending December 31, 2021.**

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| In 2021, the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) consulted with Mission Critical Partners to complete an NG911 needs assessment. According to this assessment, it will cost around $58 million to transition the state to NG911. To secure NG911 funding, the state sought to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency communications authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for Next Generation 911 systems and services. This bill, however, was not passed. The Authority applied for funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), citing negative economic impact, but the Authority was not awarded funding.  According to the budget survey distributed in 2020, telecom fees cover approximately 55% of PSAPs’ operational expenses. Many local governments cannot afford to pay NG911 transitional and maintenance costs, while continuing to pay legacy expenses.  A three-year trend shows that GECA collects approximately $2.2 to $2.3 million annually without any foreseeable increase. The funding disbursed to GECA pays for the Authority’s operational costs; therefore, it’s unlikely the Authority can encumber funds to transition to and sustain NG911.  The Authority will continue seeking legislative changes and grant funding to transition and sustain NG911 throughout the state; however, funding continues to limit the state’s NG911 implementation efforts. |

**L2. Describe how any fee diversion affected 911 underfunding in your state or taxing jurisdiction during the annual period ending December 31, 2021.** *Indicate N/A if your state or taxing jurisdiction did not divert.*

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| N/A |

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1. *See* Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, Division FF, Title IX, section 902. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. 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 (NENA), Master Glossary of 9-1-1 Terminology at 174 (June 22, 2021), <https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/standards/nena-adm-000.24-2021_final_2.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. For the purposes of this questionnaire, 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* https://nenawiki.org/wiki/Telecommunicator. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. *See* 47 CFR § 9.23(b)(1)–(5). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. National Institute of Standards and Technology, Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (2018), <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/cswp/nist.cswp.04162018.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)