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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** |
| Maryland |

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

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Organization** |
| Christy Collins, Ed.D. | Executive Director | Maryland 9-1-1 Board |

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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, 2023. 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 | 24 |
| Secondary | 71 |
| **Total** | 95 |

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| **Addendum Section B1** |
| 9-1-1 fees are remitted to the counties. Counties may have secondary PSAPs within their jurisdictions that benefit from 9-1-1 funds requested by a county for 9-1-1 purposes, such as telephone equipment, logging recorders and emergency dispatch protocol systems. Maryland does not provide any funding to Federal PSAPs, such as military bases. The number of secondary PSAPs reflected above are those reported by each primary PSAP director. |

**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, 2023. 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 | 1523 |
| Part Time | 72 |

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| **Addendum Section B2** |
| The above reflects the total number of 9-1-1 Specialists as defined by the Maryland Public Safety Article § 1- 301(n). Some part time employees may be full or part time staff in another PSAP. |

**B3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2023, please provide an estimate of the total cost to provide 911/E911 service in your state or jurisdiction.**

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| **Amount ($)** | $177,429,053 |

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

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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, 2023 to December 31, 2023.**

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| **Type of Service** | **Total 911 Voice Calls** |
| Wireline | 772,958 |
| Wireless | 3,310,236 |
| VoIP | Unk |
| Other (report 911 texts separately below in B.4a) | N/A |
| **Total** | 4,164,284 |

**B4a. Please provide the total number of 911 texts that your state or jurisdiction received during the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.**

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| Texts to 911 | 20,245 |

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| **Addendum Section B4** |
| Please note reported numbers are based on FY23 not CY23. Maryland treats VoIP calls as wireline calls. Text to 9-1-1 value represents sessions, and not individual texts. |

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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| State 9-1-1 fees: Public Safety Article § 1-309  Local (County) 9-1-1 fees: Public Safety Article § 1-310 Prepaid Wireless 9-1-1 fees: Public Safety Article § 1-313 |

**C1b. If YES to C1, during the annual period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, 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***. *If both State and local authorities collect fees, please check the “hybrid approach” box only.*

* 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 ……………..

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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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| Fees, both State and County, are collected by each provider of a 9-1-1 accessible service and remitted to the Comptroller of Maryland on a monthly basis. Fees are then deposited into the Maryland 9-1-1 Trust Fund, from where they are disbursed. |

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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| State fees are awarded for enhancements of county 9-1-1 systems based upon application by the county PSAP director and approval of the Board at a public meeting. The Board approves requests that meet the criteria of eligible uses defined in statute. County fees, once disbursed by the State, are used by the county for 9-1-1 operations and service through their annual budgeting process. |

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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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| State 9-1-1 fees: Public Safety Article § 1-308(b)(2) Local (County) 9-1-1 fees: Public Safety Article § 1-312 |

**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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| The Maryland 9-1-1 Trust Fund may be used by any county (including the independent jurisdiction of Baltimore City) for enhancements to 9-1-1 in a process defined in Maryland Public Safety Article §1-309, and is typically used for PSAP telephone equipment, logging recorders, emergency standby electrical power, security, cybersecurity, mapping, furniture, system maintenance, recurring network charges and training. Application for funds must be made by the county PSAP director, and approved by the majority of voting members present at a public session of the Maryland 9-1-1 Board. The Maryland 9-1-1 Board is defined under Maryland Public Safety Article §1-305 and §1-306.  County Funds are passed through the state to each county and the independent jurisdiction of Baltimore City in the same percentage collected from the vendor on a quarterly basis. These funds are used to offset operational and maintenance costs for each PSAP. |

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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, 2023, describe the grants that your state paid for through the use of collected 911/E911 fees and the purpose of such grants.** | | | |
| 9-1-1 Trust Fund monies are distributed for enhancements to county 9-1-1 service as outlined in question E-1. | | | |

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| **Addendum Section E2** |
| CAD funding is limited to interfaces necessary for the answering of 9-1-1 calls, such as ANI/ALI capture, 9-1-1 caller mapping and emergency dispatch protocol systems. CAD systems in their entirety are not eligible for 9-1-1 funding. |

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 – provide *either* fee ($) or percentage (%)** *(leave inapplicable cell blank for each type)* | **Fee/Charge Imposed** | **Jurisdiction Receiving Remittance**  *Check* ***one*** *for each Service Type. If both State and County/Local Authorities receive remittances, please check the “Combination” box only.* | | |
| **State** | **County or Local Authority** | **Combination of State and County/Local** |
| **Wireline – monthly fee ($) or percentage (%)** | $2.00 |  |  |  |
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| **Wireless – monthly fee ($) or percentage (%)** | $2.00 |  |  |  |
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| **Prepaid Wireless –flat fee ($) or percentage (%) per retail transaction** | $.60 |  |  |  |
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| **Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) – monthly fee ($) or percentage (%)** | $2.00 |  |  |  |
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| **Other – monthly fee ($) or percentage (%)** | $ |  |  |  |
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| **Addendum Section F1** |
| The State 9-1-1 fee is set at $0.50 per 9-1-1 accessible service. Effective July 1, 2022, the county 9-1-1 fee is no longer capped per 9-1-1 accessible service, and is set by local resolution. Prepaid wireless fees are split 25 percent to the State 9-1-1 Trust Fund and 75 percent to counties. |

**F2. For the annual period ending December 31, 2023, 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 | $31,413,315.23 |
| Wireless | $93,602,563.07 |
| Prepaid Wireless | $5,417,148.78 |
| Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) | N/A |
| Other | $271,736.33 |
| **Total** | 130,704,763.41 |

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

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| Currently VOIP calls are captured under wireline calls. |

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| **Addendum Section F2** |
| Other reflects interest accrued on the 9-1-1 Trust Fund. |

**F3. Please identify any other sources of 911/E911 funding.**

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| **Question** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **F4. For the annual period ending December 31, 2023, 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****.* |  |  |
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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 | 18% |
| Local 911 Fees | 35% |
| General Fund - State |  |
| General Fund - County | 47% |
| Federal Grants |  |
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| **Addendum Section F5** |
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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, 2023, 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 ($)** | **Identify the purposes or functions other than those designated as acceptable by the Commission for which the 911/E911 funds were obligated or expended. (*If you need more rows for your response, please enter the information in Addendum Section G1.*)** | | |
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| **Addendum Section G1** |
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| **Question** | | **Yes** | **No** |
| **G2. In the annual period ending December 31, 2023, were funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes in your state or jurisdiction obligated or expended for the purchase, maintenance, replacement, or upgrade of public safety radios, networks, equipment, or related infrastructure?** *Check* ***one***. | |  |  |
| **G2a. If YES to G2, are all of the public safety radios, networks, equipment, or related infrastructure on which funds were obligated or expended used to deliver 911-originated information to emergency responders? For the purposes of this questionnaire, 911-originated information includes all data and information delivered between the 911 request for assistance and the emergency responders.** | |  |  |
| **G2a(i). If NO to G2a, please explain.** | | | |
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| **G2b.** **If YES to G2, please itemize the amounts that were obligated or expended and include descriptions of the public safety radios, networks, equipment, or related infrastructure.** | | | |
| **Amount of Funds ($)** | **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** |
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**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 multi-purpose fees or charges designated for “public safety,” “emergency services,” or other similar purposes where a portion of those fees or charges supports 911 services?**[[5]](#footnote-6) *Check* ***one****.*

* Yes …………………..
* No ………………..…..

**If YES to G3, please answer Questions G3a – G3c below. If NO to G3 above, leave Questions G3a – G3c below 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.** | | |
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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: (i) the mechanisms or procedures and (ii) any enforcement or other corrective actions undertaken in connection with such auditing authority, for the annual period ending December 31, 2023.** *(Enter “None” if no actions were taken.)* | | |
| Awards for enhancements to county 9-1-1 systems are described by the county PSAP director in their application for funding. The County PSAP director makes their presentation to the Board and the Board votes to approve the project provided it meets the statutorily defined eligible expenses and is a good use of public funds. The Board then pays vendors directly or reimburses the county once the county pays the vendor. In either case, the county must provide documentation demonstrating the funds were used for the intended purpose.  County 9-1-1 fees are subject to annual audits provided for by the Maryland Public Safety Article § 1-312(d)(1). | | |

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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, 2023?** *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, 2023.** *(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:** | | |
| Maryland Public Safety Article § 1-308(b)(2)(ii). | | |

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| **Question** | | **Yes** | **No** |
| **I2. In the annual period ending December 31, 2023, 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, 2023, 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) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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** |
| Counties contract with hosted NG911 service providers |

**I4. Please provide a description of any NG911 projects completed or underway during the annual period ending December 31, 2023.**

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| Twenty-one Maryland counties were live with Next Generation 9-1-1 services in 2023. All remaining counties were approved and awarded funds in 2022 for migration, with all counties anticipated going live in 2024. |

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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, 2023, 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, 2023** | 24 |

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| **Addendum Section I5** |
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**I6. By the end of the *next* annual period ending December 31, 2024, 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, 2024** | N/A |

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| **Addendum Section I6** |
| All Maryland primary PSAPs are live. |

1. **Cybersecurity Expenditures**

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| **Question** | **Check the appropriate box** | | **If Yes,**  **Amount Expended ($)** |
| **J1. During the annual period ending December 31, 2023, did your state expend funds on cybersecurity programs for PSAPs?** | Yes | No | $2,969,492.03 |

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| **Addendum Section J1** |
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| **Question** | **Total PSAPs** |
| **J2. During the annual period ending December 31, 2023, how many PSAPs in your state either had a cybersecurity program or participated in a regional or state-run cybersecurity program?** | 24 |

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| **Addendum Section J2** |
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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?**[[6]](#footnote-7) *Check* ***one****.* |  |  |  |

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| **Addendum Section J3** |
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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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| Maryland’s 9-1-1 Trust Fund administered by the Maryland 9-1-1 Board is a national model. By collecting funds that any county may use for 9-1-1 enhancements, each county provides 9-1-1 service at a consistent level through the funding of telephone equipment, protocol systems and training, regardless of county population or county budget. The Board does more than a funding source, and serves a regulatory, oversight and leadership role for Maryland’s 9-1-1 community. The Board has convened monthly, and more frequently in sub-committees, to consider a variety of 9-1-1 related issues and projects.  Maryland continues to benefit from an effective 9-1-1 system. Recent Board statewide efforts include working with Verizon and NG911 service providers, Maryland PSAP personnel, Maryland Department of Emergency Management, and the Maryland Public Service Commission to review the implementation of policies and standards adopted by the Federal Communications Commission and Board to minimize disruptions to 9-1-1 service caused by power outages and network failures. Ongoing Board activities include providing a vigorous 9-1-1 training program throughout the state, cybersecurity assessments and response planning, recruitment support, working with vendors to improve 9-1-1 service delivery, and continuing research, planning and implementation of “Next Generation” technologies. The Board has also required demonstrations of interoperability with other systems before being approved to go-live with NG911 service.  The Board remains focused on the enhancement of 9-1-1 and the critical role it plays in public safety. |

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, 2023.** *Indicate N/A if your state or taxing jurisdiction did not experience underfunding*.

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| Counties make up funding shortfalls with their general funds. Funds dedicated to 9-1-1 cannot be used for other county uses. |

**L2. Describe how any fee diversion affected 911 underfunding in your state or taxing jurisdiction during the annual period ending December 31, 2023.** *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-archived/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 voice, text, and multi-media 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. For purposes of this question, please report only multi-purpose fees or charges “applicable to commercial mobile services, IP-enabled voice services, or other emergency communications services,” where a portion of those fees or charges supports 911 services. 47 CFR § 9.22. Please do not report multi-purpose fees or charges applicable to other types of items (e.g., do not report multi-purpose fees on real estate where a portion of those fees supports 911 services). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. 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-7)