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Annual Collection of Information

Related to the Collection and Use of 911 and E911 Fees by States and Other Jurisdictions

Pursuant to OMB authorization 3060-1122 , the FCC’s Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau seeks the following specific information in order to fulfill the Commission’s obligations under Section 6(f)(2) of the NET 911 Act:

**A. Filing Information**

**1. Name of State or Jurisdiction**

| State or Jurisdiction |
|-----------------------|
| Arkansas              |

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

| Name         | Title         | Organization |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Renee Hoover | Administrator | AR ETS Board |



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**B. Overview of State or Jurisdiction 911 System**

1. Please provide the total number of active Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in your state or jurisdiction that receive funding derived from the collection of 911/E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2016:

| PSAP Type <sup>1</sup> | Total |
|------------------------|-------|
| Primary                | 102   |
| Secondary              | 25    |
| <b>Total</b>           | 127   |

2. Please provide the total number of active telecommunicators<sup>2</sup> in your state or jurisdiction that were funded through the collection of 911 and E911 fees during the annual period ending December 31, 2016:

| Number of Active Telecommunicators | Total   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Full-Time                          | 1,005*<br><small>*Response consists of data received from 2017 PSAP Certifications. However, not all PSAPs have submitted the 2017 PSAP Certification, so data from the 2016 PSAP Certifications was used to provide the response to this question.</small> |
| Part-time                          | 175*  |

<sup>1</sup> A Primary PSAP is one to which 911 calls are routed directly from the 911 Control office. A secondary PSAP is one to which 911 calls are transferred from a Primary PSAP. See National Emergency Number Association, Master Glossary of 9-1-1 Terminology (*Master Glossary*), July 29, 2014, at 118, 126, available at [https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/Standards/NENA-ADM-000.18-2014\\_2014072.pdf](https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/Standards/NENA-ADM-000.18-2014_2014072.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> A telecommunicator, also known as a call taker or a dispatcher, is a person employed by a PSAP who is qualified to answer incoming emergency telephone calls and/or who provides for the appropriate emergency response either directly or through communication with the appropriate PSAP. See *Master Glossary* at 137.



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3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2016, please provide an estimate of the total cost to provide 911/E911 service in your state or jurisdiction.

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Amount<br>(\$) | Unknown at this time. |
|----------------|-----------------------|

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

Due to the number of outstanding certifications, this data is not yet available.

4. Please provide the total number of 911 calls your state or jurisdiction received during the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

| Type of Service | Total 911 Calls |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Wireline        |                 |
| Wireless        |                 |
| VoIP            |                 |
| Other           |                 |
| <b>Total</b>    |                 |

**Due to numerous issues with the systems used to provide 911 call statistics, this information is not available for the 2016 calendar year.**

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

1. Has your State, or any political subdivision, Indian tribe, village or regional corporation therein as defined by Section 6(f)(1) of the NET 911 Act, established a funding mechanism



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designated for or imposed for the purposes of 911 or E911 support or implementation  
(please include a citation to the legal authority for such mechanism)? *Check one.*

- Yes .....
- No .....

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

*A.C.A. § 12-10-318*

Title 12 Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, And Military Affairs  
 Subtitle 2. Law Enforcement Agencies And Programs  
 Chapter 10 Communications Systems  
 Subchapter 3 -- Arkansas Public Safety Communications Act of 1985

A.C.A. § 12-10-318 (2014)

**12-10-318. Emergency telephone service charges -- Imposition -- Liability.**

*A.C.A. § 12-10-326*

Title 12 Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, And Military Affairs  
 Subtitle 2. Law Enforcement Agencies And Programs  
 Chapter 10 Communications Systems  
 Subchapter 3 -- Arkansas Public Safety Communications Act of 1985

A.C.A. § 12-10-326 (2014)

**12-10-326. Prepaid wireless E911 service charges.**

**1b. If YES, during the annual period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, did your state or jurisdiction amend, enlarge, or in any way alter the funding mechanism.**

No changes were made to alter the existing funding mechanism.



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**2. Which of the following best describes the type of authority arrangement for the collection of 911/E911 fees? Check one.**

- The State collects the fees .....
- A Local Authority collects the fees .....
- A hybrid approach where two or more governing bodies  
(e.g., state and local authority) collect the fees .....

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

The 911 surcharge for wireline service is remitted to each respective county treasurer each month by the service provider(s).

The 911 surcharge for wireless post-paid service, VoIP, and non-traditional service is remitted to the Arkansas Emergency Telephone Services Board monthly.

The 911 surcharge for prepaid service is collected at the point of sale and remitted to the AR Dept. of Finance and Administration monthly with the Sales & Use Tax. The DF&A then remits to the AR Emergency Telephone Services Board monthly.



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

| 1. Indicate which entities in your state have the authority to approve the expenditure of funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes.   |  |                          |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Jurisdiction  | Authority to Approve Expenditure of Funds<br>(Check one) |                          |
|   | Yes  | No                       |
| State   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local<br>(e.g., county, city, municipality)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1b. Please briefly describe any limitations on the approval authority per jurisdiction (e.g., limited to fees collected by the entity, limited to wireline or wireless service, etc.)   |  |                          |
| <p>1) The State (Arkansas Emergency Telephone Services Board) has authority to approve requests for reimbursement of maintenance costs for each county/PSAP. (Note: Requests are submitted annually.)</p> <p>2) The State (Arkansas Emergency Telephone Services Board) has authority to approve requests for reimbursement of equipment upgrade costs. (Note: A copy of the vendor cost estimates are submitted for pre-approval prior to the upgrade, and the request is resubmitted with a copy of the vendor invoice upon completion of the equipment upgrade for final approval and remittance.)</p> |  |                          |

2. Has your state established a funding mechanism that mandates *how* collected funds can be used? *Check one.*

- Yes .....
- No .....

2a. If you checked YES, provide a legal citation to the funding mechanism of any such criteria.



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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A.C.A. § 12-10-323</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Title 12 Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, And Military Affairs<br/>Subtitle 2. Law Enforcement Agencies And Programs<br/>Chapter 10 Communications Systems<br/>Subchapter 3 -- Arkansas Public Safety Communications Act of 1985</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A.C.A. § 12-10-323 (2014)</p> |  |
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**2b. If you checked NO, describe how your state or jurisdiction decides how collected funds can be used.**

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**E. Description of Uses of Collected 911/E911 Fees**

**1. Provide a statement identifying with specificity all activities, programs, and organizations for whose benefit your state, or political subdivision thereof, has obligated or expended funds collected for 911 or E911 purposes and how these activities, programs, and organizations support 911 and E911 services or enhancements of such services.**

- 1) The AR ETS Board distributed 83.5% of the surcharge collected (wireless post-paid, VoIP, and prepaid) to each county and/or PSAP as established by each local jurisdiction for use at the discretion of each local jurisdiction according to A.C.A. § 12-10-323.
- 2) The AR ETS Board reimbursed each county and/or PSAP as established by each local jurisdiction a portion of the annual maintenance cost. The allowable reimbursement amount for each jurisdiction is determined based on the wireless call percentage for each jurisdiction.
- 3) The AR ETS Board reimbursed equipment upgrade costs to counties/PSAPs (if funds have not previously been expended by the county/PSAP) based on the wireless call percentage for the respective county/PSAP. *(Note: During the 2009 legislative session, existing code was amended to increase the quarterly PSAP distribution amount to 83.5% of the total amount remitted to the AR ETS Board. As a result of this change, funding for reimbursement of 911 equipment costs would no longer be available. At the time of the 2009 legislative change, a snapshot of the funds available for reimbursement was taken, and the AR ETS Board agreed that to ensure that the funds held were distributed fairly and equitably between the PSAPs the fund would be divided between the counties/PSAPs based on population. A database file was established reflecting the amount that was available for each county/PSAP, and that file has been updated and maintained as each county/PSAP has submitted requests for reimbursement as 911 equipment upgrades have been completed.)*
- 4) ACT 442 of the 2013 Legislative Session created the Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program Fund to assist in the advancement of goals for universal 911 service throughout the state. The Arkansas Calling Plan Fund was to receive a maximum of four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) per year to assist in funding the provision of calling plans in telephone exchanges in the state. Also there was created an AHCF allocation from the Arkansas Call Plan Fund to be known as the "Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program Fund". The Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program Fund received a maximum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per year to:
  - (A) Advance the goals of universal service and help ensure that rural areas within the State of Arkansas had access to 911 services as comparable to 911 services in urban areas within the state; and
  - (B) Provide funding to:
    - (1) The statewide Smart911 system established in Acts 2012, No. 213;
    - (2) The SmartPrepare System; and
    - (3) 911 administrative systems for 32 emergency management under the Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1973, § 12-33 75-101 et seq





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Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) was to be transferred annually from the AHCF to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management on a quarterly basis for the Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program to fund:

- (A) The statewide Smart911 system in the amount of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) annually;
- (B) The SmartPrepare System in the amount of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) annually;
- (C) The 911 administration system for emergency management under the Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1973, § 12-75-101 et seq., in the amount of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars \$175,000 annually; and
- (D) Arkansas counties for 911 public safety answering points in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) annually.
  - The \$2,000,000 for the counties was to be distributed based on county population as follows:
    - (1) The twenty-five (25) least-populated counties received equal portions of fifty percent of the available funds;
    - (2) The next twenty-five (25) least-populated counties received equal portions of thirty-five percent (35%) of the available funds; and
    - (3) The remaining twenty-five (25) counties shall receive equal portions of fifteen percent (15%) of the available funds.

County population was calculated based on current data from the Geography Division of the United States Bureau of the 27 Census.



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| <b>2. Please identify the allowed uses of the collected funds. Check all that apply.</b>  |   |   |                                     |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Type of Cost</b>   |   | <b>Yes</b>                                  | <b>No</b>                           |
| <b>Operating Costs</b>  | Lease, purchase, maintenance of customer premises equipment (CPE) (hardware and software)       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|   | Lease, purchase, maintenance of computer aided dispatch (CAD) equipment (hardware and software) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|   | Lease, purchase, maintenance of building/facility   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Personnel Costs</b>  | Telecommunicators' Salaries   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|   | Training of Telecommunicators   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Administrative Costs</b>   | Program Administration  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|   | Travel Expenses   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Dispatch Costs</b>   | Reimbursement to other law enforcement entities providing dispatch                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|   | Lease, purchase, maintenance of Radio Dispatch Networks   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Grant Programs</b>   |   | <input type="checkbox"/><br>If YES, see 2a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>2a. During the annual period ending December 31, 2016, describe the grants that your state paid for through the use of collected 911/E911 fees and the purpose of the grant.</b> |   |   |                                     |



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**F. Description of 911/E911 Fees Collected**

| 1. Please describe the amount of the fees or charges imposed for the implementation and support of 911 and E911 services. Please distinguish between state and local fees for each service type. |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Service Type   | Fee/Charge Imposed  | Jurisdiction Receiving Remittance<br>(e.g., state, county, local authority, or a combination) |
| Wireline   | amount up to five percent (5%) or for any counties with a population fewer than 27,500 the amount may be up to twelve percent (12%) of the tariff rate (Note: Four Arkansas Counties have not levied the wireline surcharge.) | County  |
| Wireless   | \$0.65  | State – AR ETS Board  |
| Prepaid Wireless   | \$0.65 (per transaction at point of sale)   | State – AR DF&A – Remitted to AR ETS Board  |
| Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)  | \$0.65  | State – AR ETS Board  |
| Other  |   |   |

2. For the annual period ending December 31, 2016, 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                            | *Unknown at this time.                            |
| Wireless                            | \$15,442,350.55                                   |
| Prepaid Wireless                    | \$4,719,522.64                                    |
| Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) | Included in Wireless revenue and Wireline revenue |
| Other                               |   |
| <b>Total</b>                        | Unknown due to undetermined wireline revenue      |

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

\*The total wireline revenue cannot be determined at this time due to several counties/PSAs that have not yet submitted their 2017 PSAPs Certifications.

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

ACT 442 – Additional funding from the High Cost Fund receipts

| Question | Yes | No |
|----------|-----|----|
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| <b>4. For the annual period ending December 31, 2016, 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.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4a. If YES, please describe the federal, state or local funds and amounts that were combined with 911/E911 fees.</b>   |                          |                                     |
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| <b>5. Please provide an estimate of the proportional contribution from each funding source towards the total cost to support 911 in your state or jurisdiction.</b> | <b>Percent</b>       |
|---|----------------------|
| State 911 Fees (Wireless, VoIP, & Prepaid Service)  | \$20,161,873.19      |
| Local 911 Fees  | Unknown at this time |
| General Fund – State  | N/A                  |
| General Fund - County   | Unknown at this time |
| Federal Grants  |                      |
| State Grants  |                      |



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

| Question   | Yes   | No                       |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| <b>1. In the annual period ending December 31, 2016, 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.</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>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.</b> |   |                          |
| <b>Amount of Funds (\$)</b>  | <b>Identify the non-related purpose(s) for which the 911/E911 funds were used. (Add lines as necessary)</b> |                          |
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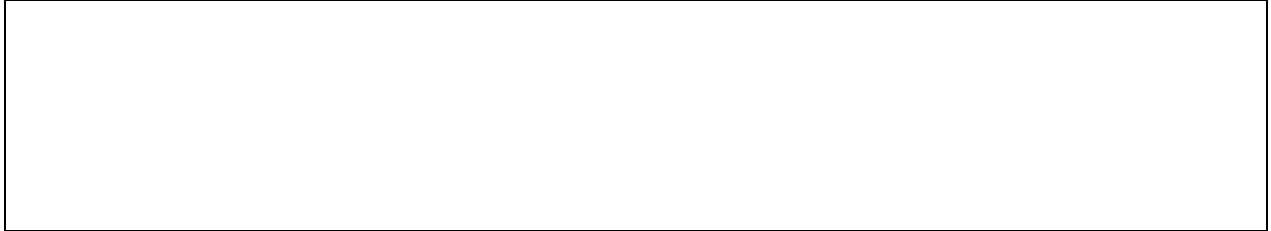
**H. Oversight and Auditing of Collection and Use of 911/E911 Fees**

| Question   | Yes                      | No                                  |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>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.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>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, 2016. (Enter "None" if no actions were taken.)</b>     |                          |                                     |
|  |                          |                                     |

| Question  | Yes                      | No                                  |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>2. Does your state have the authority to audit service providers to ensure that the amount of 911/E911 fees collected from subscribers matches the service provider's number of subscribers? Check one.</b>                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>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, 2016. (Enter "None" if no actions were taken.)</b> |                          |                                     |



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

| Question   | Yes                                 | No                       |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>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.</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>1a. If YES, in the space below, please cite any specific legal authority:</b>   |                                     |                          |
|  |                                     |                          |

| Question   | Yes                      | No                                  |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>2. In the annual period ending December 31, 2016, has your state or jurisdiction expended funds on Next Generation 911 programs? Check one.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>2a. If YES, in the space below, please enter the dollar amount that has been expended.</b>  |                          |                                     |
| <b>Amount<br/>(\$)</b>   |                          |                                     |



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| 3. For the annual period ending December 31, 2016, please describe the type and number of NG911 Emergency Service IP Network(s) (ESInets) that operated within your state. |                          |                                     |  |   |                          |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| Type of ESInet   | Yes                      | No                                  | If Yes, Enter Total PSAPs Operating on the ESInet  | If Yes, does the type of ESInet interconnect with other state, regional or local ESInets? |                          |
|  |                          |                                     |  | Yes   | No                       |
| a. A single, state-wide ESInet   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Local (e.g., county) ESInet   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Regional ESInets  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | [If more than one Regional ESInet is in operation, in the space below, provide the total PSAPs operating on each ESInet] | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Name of Regional ESInet:   |                          |                                     |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Name of Regional ESInet:   |                          |                                     |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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4. Please provide a description of any NG911 projects completed or underway during the annual period ending December 31, 2016.

| Question  | Total PSAPs<br>Accepting Texts                             |
|---|--|
| 5. During the annual period ending December 31, 2016, how many PSAPs within your state implemented text-to-911 and are accepting texts? | 4  |
| Question  | Estimated Number of PSAPs<br>that will Become Text Capable |
| 6. In the next annual period ending December 31, 2017, how many PSAPs do you anticipate will become text capable?                       | 5-10   |



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**J. Description of Cybersecurity Expenditures**

| Question   | Check the appropriate box       |   | If Yes, Amount Expended (\$) |
|--|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 1. During the annual period ending December 31, 2016, did your state expend funds on cybersecurity programs for PSAPs? | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                              |

| Question  | Total PSAPs |
|---|-------------|
| 2. During the annual period ending December 31, 2016, how many PSAPs in your state either implemented a cybersecurity program or participated in a regional or state-run cybersecurity program? | Unknown     |

| Question  | Yes                      | No                       | Unknown                             |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3. Does your state or jurisdiction adhere to the National Institute of Standards and Technology <i>Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity</i> (February 2014) for networks supporting one or more PSAPs in your state or jurisdiction? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |





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

- 1. Please provide an assessment of the effects achieved from the expenditure of state 911/E911 or NG911 funds, including any criteria your state or jurisdiction uses to measure the effectiveness of the use of 911/E911 fees and charges. If your state conducts annual or other periodic assessments, please provide an electronic copy (*e.g.*, Word, PDF) of the latest such report upon submission of this questionnaire to the FCC or provide links to online versions of such reports in the space below.**

N/A – During the 2015 Legislative Session, a Legislative Blue Ribbon Committee was established for the purpose of completing a study 911 throughout the State of Arkansas and providing the current status and recommendations for the future of 911 in a report to the governor. During the 2017 Legislative Session, legislation was passed to appropriate funds to select a consultant to complete a study of 911 in Arkansas and provide recommendations on the future of 911 including best recommendations for the implementation of NG911 service in Arkansas.



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