



911 Advisory Committee

Authorities Sub Committee

Newsletter - April 2019 Update

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Greetings,

The State 911 Advisory Committee's (AC) Authorities Sub-Committee has been working on two challenging issues; updating and developing a PSAP definitions list and the funding of the Washington State Patrol Communications Section (WSP).

- 1) The subcommittee proposed eleven PSAP definitions¹ to align with the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) definitions and are also relevant to Washington. Our goal is these definitions will address the needs of 9-1-1 both now and into the future. The list of PSAP definitions is attached and further changes will be provided as developed.
- 2) The second item involves 9-1-1 funding. The current 9-1-1 RCW's do not include the Washington State Patrol Communication Section. RCW 38.52.510 states it is each counties responsibility to provide 9-1-1 services and addresses the funding for the Counties. WAC 118-66-045 was written to allow the Washington State Enhanced 9-1-1 Coordination Office (SECO) to provide funding assistance to WSP. To resolve this discrepancy, the committee recommends a new RCW to support the funding for WSP. The committee will continue to evaluate the impacts of this recommendation as they review and modify the remaining RCWs. An update will be provided to all stakeholders before a final recommendation is made to SECO.

The committee recommended to the AC for the Policy Sub-committee to revisit the current funding process for all agencies and to consider options such as funding by population and/or call volume.

Recipients of this update have been designated as key stakeholders for progress and recommendations regarding a sustainable Washington.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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¹ The Advisory Committee approved these definitions on 4/18/2019.

ATTACHMENT

Definition Name	Definition's Agreed Upon
WA State Definition Of:	
PSAP	A Public safety answering point (PSAP) shall mean an entity receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls according to their specific operational policy.
Primary PSAP	A county designated PSAP to which 9-1-1 requests for service are routed directly through an emergency services network path.
Secondary PSAP	A county designated PSAP where all 9-1-1 requests for service received by the secondary PSAP have been transferred from a Primary PSAP.
Backup PSAP Facility	A facility capable of temporarily becoming a primary and/or secondary PSAP.
Alternate PSAP	A PSAP designated to temporarily receive diverted 911 calls from another PSAP.
Consolidated PSAP	A PSAP where multiple Public Safety Agencies choose to operate as a single 9-1-1 entity within a county.
Regional PSAP	A PSAP that serves jurisdictions within multiple counties and operates as a single 9-1-1 entity.
Legacy PSAP	A PSAP that cannot process calls received via i3-defined call interfaces (IP based calls) and still requires the use of CAMA or ISDN trunk technology for delivery of 9-1-1 emergency calls as defined in NENA i3 standards.
NG9-1-1 PSAP	This term is used to denote a PSAP capable of providing NG 911 services as defined by NENA, including but not limited to voice, text, data, and multimedia.
i3 PSAP	A PSAP that is capable of receiving IP based signaling capable of providing NG911 services as defined by NENA, including but not limited to voice, text, data, and multimedia.