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NG9-1-1 Sustainable Funding Committee

Virtual Meeting

June 10, 2019





Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes (May 23rd)
3. Latest Version of Research Survey
4. Additional Wireless Funding Analysis
5. Recommendations
6. Next Meeting Date
7. Public Comment
8. Adjourn



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Survey





Research Survey

- Added this question to revenue section
 - Should the GA remove the Communication Sales & Use Tax exemption for prepaid devices and cards?
- Added this question to cost section
 - If it resulted in significant cost savings on both state and local levels, how interested would you be in participating in a physical or technological consolidation?



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Additional Wireless Funding Analysis





Additional Analysis

- Revised comparative analysis spreadsheet to include the following:
 - Amount of NG9-1-1 cost not covered by FY 19 distribution (especially for smaller PSAPs)
 - Individual PSAPs that benefit if Board pays for connectivity



Additional Analysis

- Funding waterfall revised to include ESInet connectivity:
 - Add budget language to pay for NG9-1-1 recurring costs “off the top”
 - When billing agreements end, \$4M included in 60% and 40% split
 - \$4M used to support PSAP Grant Program exclusively



Things to consider

- Only in first year of new funding formula
- Wireless E-911 Fund continues to grow
- Current NG9-1-1 recurring costs are an estimate
- We may have more than one NG9-1-1 solutions provider with a different approach to NG9-1-1 recurring costs



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Recommendations





Three Approaches

- Increase wireless surcharge
- Change funding methodology or percentages
 - Includes budget language
- Remove prepaid wireless exemption (§58.1-648)
 - Estimate about \$20M in additional funding to localities through disbursements



Revenue Recommendations

- Eliminate prepaid wireless exemption identified in the Report of the 2015 CSUT Study
- Increase the 9-1-1 surcharge from \$0.75 to what amount?



Fund Distribution Recommendations

- Short-term
 - Modify the formula from 60%/40% to 70%/30% and authorize VITA to pay NG9-1-1 ESInet fees; or,
 - Modify the minimum to \$56K to recognize the 40% increase for NG9-1-1 connectivity
- Long-term
 - Eliminate the minimum to encourage consolidation of smaller agencies to ensure a minimum standard of service for all citizens



Cost Recommendations

- Include a strategic initiative in the 9-1-1 Comprehensive Plan to analyze the feasibility and potential cost savings for a statewide solution (with allowable exemptions) for the following:
 - Call Handling Equipment/Services
 - Others to be identified from the survey
 - New NG9-1-1 capabilities



And In Conclusion

- Next meeting date is June 26th at 11 am
- Public Comment
- Adjourn