



# NG9-1-1 Sustainable Funding Committee

Virtual Meeting

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June 10, 2019





# Agenda

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



# 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?



# 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



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 am
- Public Comment
- Adjourn