



# The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012:

An overview from the 9-1-1 perspective

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# Welcome

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# Topics Covered

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- ❖ What the *Act says*:
  - ❖ E9-1-1 and NG9-1-1 Grant Authority
  - ❖ FCC Proceedings and Report
  - ❖ Other Actions
- ❖ What the *Act means*:
  - ❖ Funding availability timeline
  - ❖ How the money flows “over the waterfall”
- ❖ How to *learn more*:
  - ❖ 9-1-1 Goes to Washington

# Panelists

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- ❖ *On what the Act says:*
  - ❖ Ms. Greta Joynes  
*Legislative Director  
Office of Representative John Shimkus*
  - ❖ Mr. David Grossman  
*Legislative Assistant  
Office Representative Anna Eshoo*
  - ❖ Mr. Jeffrey Cohen  
*Democratic Counsel (FCC Detail)  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce*
- ❖ *On what the Act means:*
  - ❖ Trey Forgety  
*NENA Director of Government Affairs*

# What the *Act says*...

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# 9-1-1 Implementation Grants

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- ❖ Reauthorizes National 9-1-1 Implementation Coordination Office.
- ❖ Appropriates up to \$115 million from auction proceeds.
- ❖ Includes training, IP networks, & NG9-1-1 services as allowable costs.
- ❖ Also includes basic and enhanced 9-1-1 implementation.
- ❖ Requires a 40% local match for all Federal funds.
- ❖ Provides for notice-and-comment rulemaking on selection criteria.
- ❖ Prohibits grants to states that have diverted 9-1-1 fees.

# FCC Proceedings

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- ❖ Determine whether Multi-Line Telephone Systems can feasibly provide E9-1-1 location capabilities.
- ❖ Create a long-term do-not-call registry for PSAP administrative and 10-digit emergency lines (plus routable 9-1-1 trunks, if any).
- ❖ Report to Congress on the legislative and regulatory framework needed to support NG9-1-1 deployment, as well as on any current Federal or state legislative or regulatory barriers to deployment.

# Other Actions

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- ❖ Government Accountability Office study on collection and use (including diversion) of 9-1-1 fees by states and localities.
- ❖ National 9-1-1 Office report to Congress on detailed costs for specific Next Generation 9-1-1 service requirements.
- ❖ Parity of protection: Extends immunity to PSAPs and NG9-1-1 service providers as provided in Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999.

# *Thanks to our panelists...*

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# What the *Act means...*

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# The Grant Process

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- ❖ NTIA is required to issue its Notice of Funding Availability within 120 days after passage of the Act.
- ❖ NENA will provide comments on how funding should be allocated and what costs should be allowable.
- ❖ The FCC must then design and complete the reverse auction of television spectrum, depositing the proceeds with the treasury.
- ❖ As funds come in, they will be allocated to specified priorities established by Congress.

# The funding “waterfall”

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- ❖ Spectrum Auction Completed (\$X):
  - ❖ \$2 billion to repay borrowing authority for public safety network.
  - ❖ \$135 million for state & local implementation grants.
  - ❖ \$7 billion for public safety broadband network build-out.
  - ❖ \$100 million for public safety research.
  - ❖ \$20.4 billion for deficit reduction.
  - ❖ \$115 million for 9-1-1 implementation grants.
  - ❖ \$200 million for additional public safety research

# Time-To-First-Grant

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- ❖ FCC Auction Design will take at least 1 year.
- ❖ Conduct of auction will take approximately 3 months.
- ❖ Assuming proceeds exceed \$23,335,000,000, funding would then become available for 9-1-1 grants.
- ❖ Estimated time-to-first-grant is approximately 3 years.

How to *learn more...*

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# 9-1-1 GOES TO WASHINGTON

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- ❖ One and a half days of in-depth interview and Q & A sessions with the officials charged with implementing the new legislation.
- ❖ Keynote address by acclaimed actress and disability advocate Marlee Matlin who previously appeared as “Joey Lucas” on *The West Wing*.
- ❖ Major focus on interim and long-term text messaging, including an industry / regulatory panel and an FCC tech fair.
- ❖ Registration now includes two working lunches: A panel discussion on future funding models for 9-1-1 sponsored by the Industry Council for Emergency Response Technology, and an address by FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Chief Admiral Jamie Barnett.

# Registration & Housing

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