

New Jersey 911 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account

“Where Your 911 Fees Go”

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- LEGISLATORS**
- MUNICIPALITIES**
- BUSINESSES**
- END USERS**

New Jersey Wireless Association

- New Jersey Wireless Association was founded in 2005
 - www.newjerseywireless.org
- Professionals from all sectors of the wireless industry working and/or living in the State of New Jersey
- Members of the NJWA are dedicated to educating the public, as well as local and state government to ensure growth of our industry
- To give back to the community through local charitable organizations.
 - We have donated over \$100,000 to New Jersey Charities
- Over 1900 members from all facets of the industry

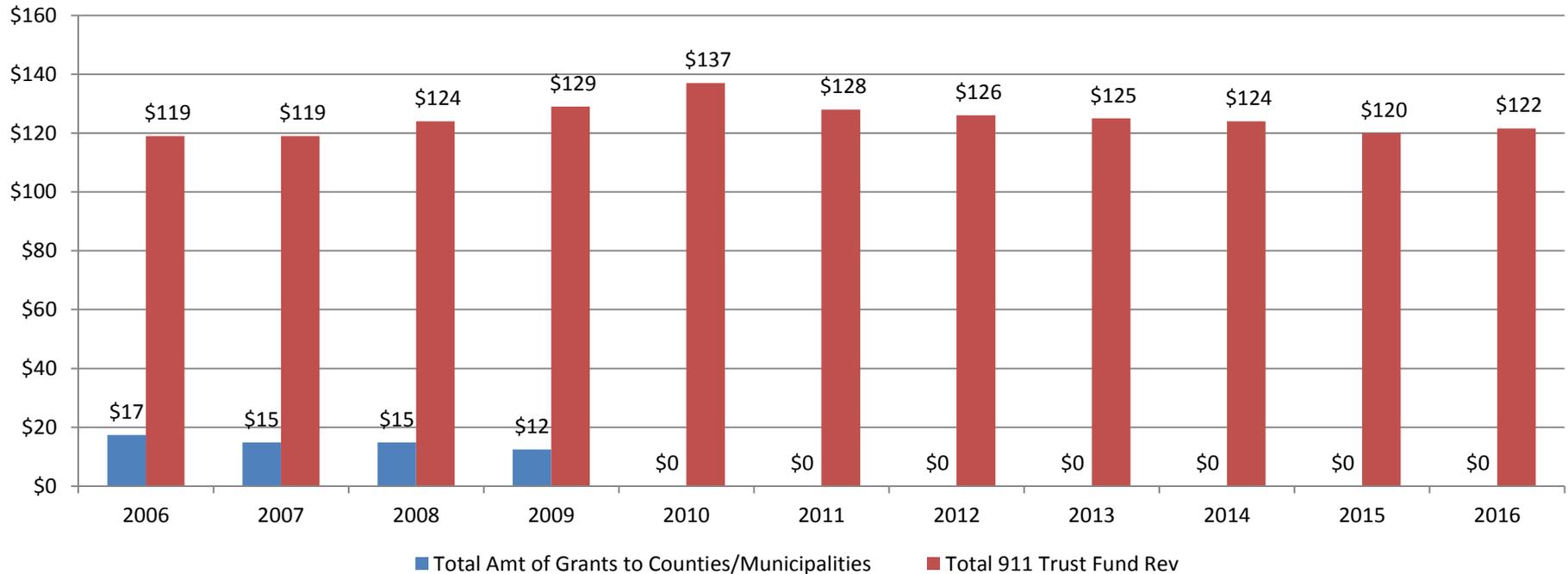
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“The Issue” - 911 Fees and NJ Emergency Trust Fund

- The State of New Jersey collects \$0.90 per telephone line (wired and wireless)
 - Post-paid, not pre-paid
 - Approximately **\$120MM collected annually** and deposited into:
 - the “State of New Jersey 911 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund”
 - Over **\$1.25 Billion** collected between **2006-2016**
 - Only **11%** of the Trust Fund is spent on eligible expenses under the Federal NET911 ACT of 2008 (H.R. 3403), according to New Jersey’s own report with the FCC
 - remainder allocated to non-eligible operating expenses
- **None** of the Trust Fund was allocated to the approximately 200 **911 centers** operated by New Jersey Counties and Municipalities, **all of which had eligible expenses**
- The wireless industry is mandated to deploy the latest E911 technology
 - **NG911 (Next Gen 911)** technology to call 911 via text messaging is available today!
 - State of NJ has spent virtually **NO** funding for **NG911**

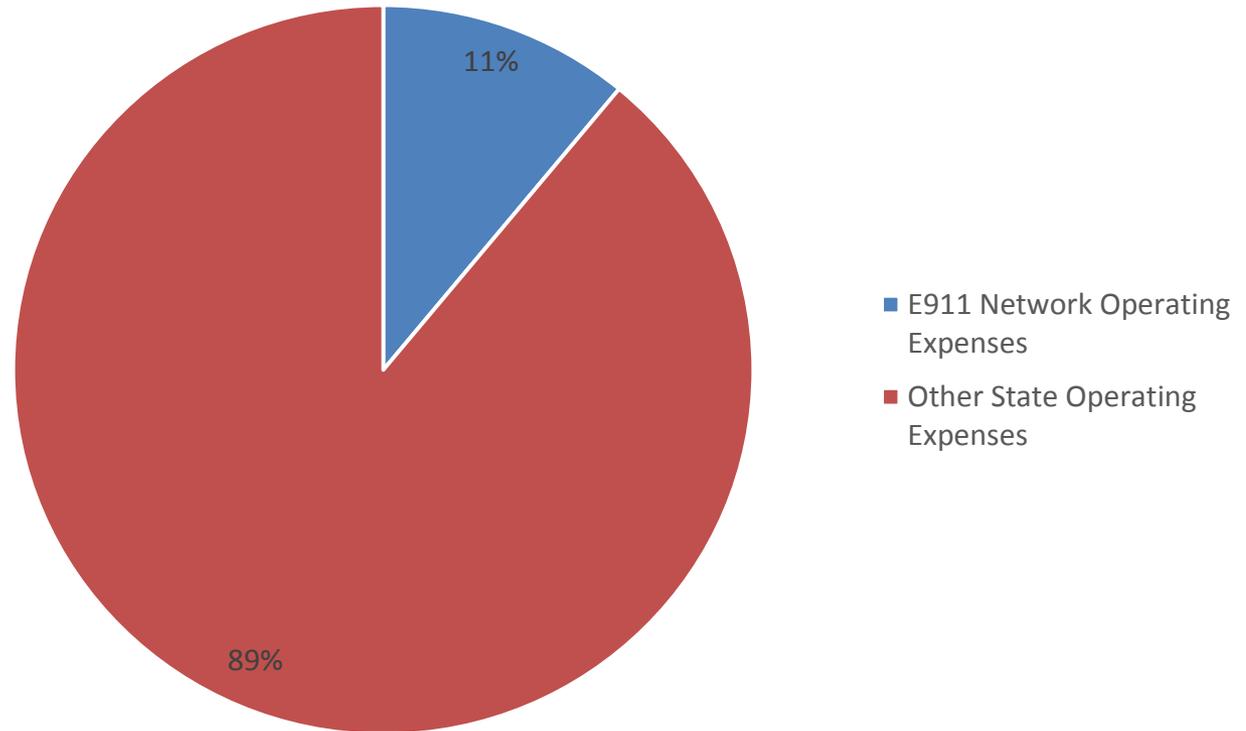
E911 Trust Fund is Not Shared with Local PSAPs

E911 Trust Fund Rev is not shared with Local PSAP's (\$Millions)



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E911 Trust Fund is Used to Fund non E911 Expenses



- Only 11% of E911 Trust Fund is allocated to 911 Network Capital and Operating Expenses, according to the most recent FCC report
- **More than \$1 billion in collected fees diverted since inception of “Trust Fund”**

State Management of E911 Trust Fund

- The State of New Jersey's spending prioritization of the E911 Trust Fund
 - State E911 expenses and networks are funded but not county and municipal E911 centers
 - The state operates 3 of the almost 200 PSAPs in the State
 - Majority of E911 calls are handled by county and local PSAPs
- The State uses the E911 Trust Fund for Operating Expenses for the Department of Law and Public Safety
 - These expenses are not consistent with the language and intent of the NET911 Act
- Oversight and management of the E911 Trust Fund is exempt from public and industry input
 - Meetings of the Statewide Public Safety Commission and Advisory Committee are exempt from the State Open Public Records Act (OPRA)
 - Substantial support is needed from counties and local municipalities to affect change
- **The proposed legislation (Assembly Bill A1821) raises the monthly E911 fee from \$0.90/month to \$0.99/month and does not address any of these issues**
 - **i.e. a 10% (\$12 million) increase with no justification or transparency as to why**
 - **Only 3 years – but NG911 will be ongoing**

FCC 7th Annual Report to Congress Does Not Accurately Show State Non-compliance

Table 16 – States Reporting Diversion of 911/E911 Funds (2009 – 2015)

Report Year	2009 Report	2010 Report	2011 Report	2012 Report	2013 Report	2014 Report	2015 Report
States	Illinois	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Illinois	California	California
	Maine	Delaware	Georgia	Georgia	Kansas	Illinois	Illinois
	Montana	Georgia	Illinois	Illinois	New York	New Jersey	New Hampshire
	New York	Hawaii	Maine	Maine	Rhode Island	New York	New Jersey
	Oregon	Illinois	New York	New York		Puerto Rico	New York
	Rhode Island	Nebraska	Oregon	Rhode Island		Rhode Island	Rhode Island
	Tennessee	New York	Rhode Island			Washington	Virginia
	Wisconsin	Oregon					West Virginia
	Rhode Island						
	Wisconsin						
Total	8	10	7	6	4	7	8

- New Jersey only listed in 2014 and 2015, however ineligible spending has taken place during all years. New Jersey did not provide any response for 2011 Report
- Repeat offenders, no apparent consequences?
 - Write to your Congress Representative

New Jersey is the Worst Offender According to FCC Report

Table 15 – Total Funds Diverted or Otherwise Transferred from 911 Uses

State/Territory	Total Funds Collected (Year End 2014)	Total Funds Used for Purposes Other than 911/E911	Percentage Diverted
California	\$97,077,234.00	\$4,331,000.00	4.5%
Illinois	\$213,983,628.00	\$3,000,000.00	1.4%
New Hampshire	\$10,582,269.31	\$1,872,732.00	17.7%
New Jersey	\$120,000,000.00	\$106,728,000.00	89%
New York	\$185,513,240.00	\$77,254,288.00	41.6%
Rhode Island	\$17,640,703.00	\$12,263,289.00	69.5%
Virginia	\$85,187,559.69	\$11,700,000.00	13.7%
West Virginia	\$56,323,470.55	\$6,271,600.00	11.1%
Total	\$786,308,104.55	\$223,420,909.00	28.4%
<i>Percent Diverted From Total Funds Collected by All Reporting States/Jurisdictions</i>			
Total	\$2,527,625,360.85	8.8%	

- How are other states reporting?
- See our FCC filing for others not on this list

Steps to Address Deployment of NextGen911

1. State of New Jersey to implement 911 fees on prepaid wireless phones
 - Use this to fund A1821 for ongoing NG911 (other states experience 20% increase in fee collection)
 - **Write your State Assemblyperson and or State Senator**
2. New Jersey Assembly and Senate to pass legislation to address fund diversion
 - “Right the ship back on course” - modify A1821 to start this course correction, in addition to pre-paid increase
 - **Write your State Assemblyperson and or State Senator**
3. FCC to clarify Eligible and Ineligible uses of 911 Fees
 - **Write your Congressman**
4. Sharing of Best Practices/cost efficiencies for NextGen911
 - State to build new ESINet backbone for all PSAPs
5. Enforcement mechanism of States not complying and repeat offenders to ensure proper use of funds collected under NET911 ACT
 - **Write your Congressman**

Thank you!