

Presentation to the House Select Committee on the Use of 911 Funds

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The Problem:

1. Local government is not adequately represented on the state 911 Board.
2. Counties cannot use 911 funds to purchase emergency communications dispatch equipment for 911centers.

911 Board

North Carolina 911 Board


















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8	 Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International	16	 Telephone Company
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•18 - Member Board

- 1 – State Government
- 4 – Local Government
- 3 – Public Safety Associations
- 9 Telephone Companies

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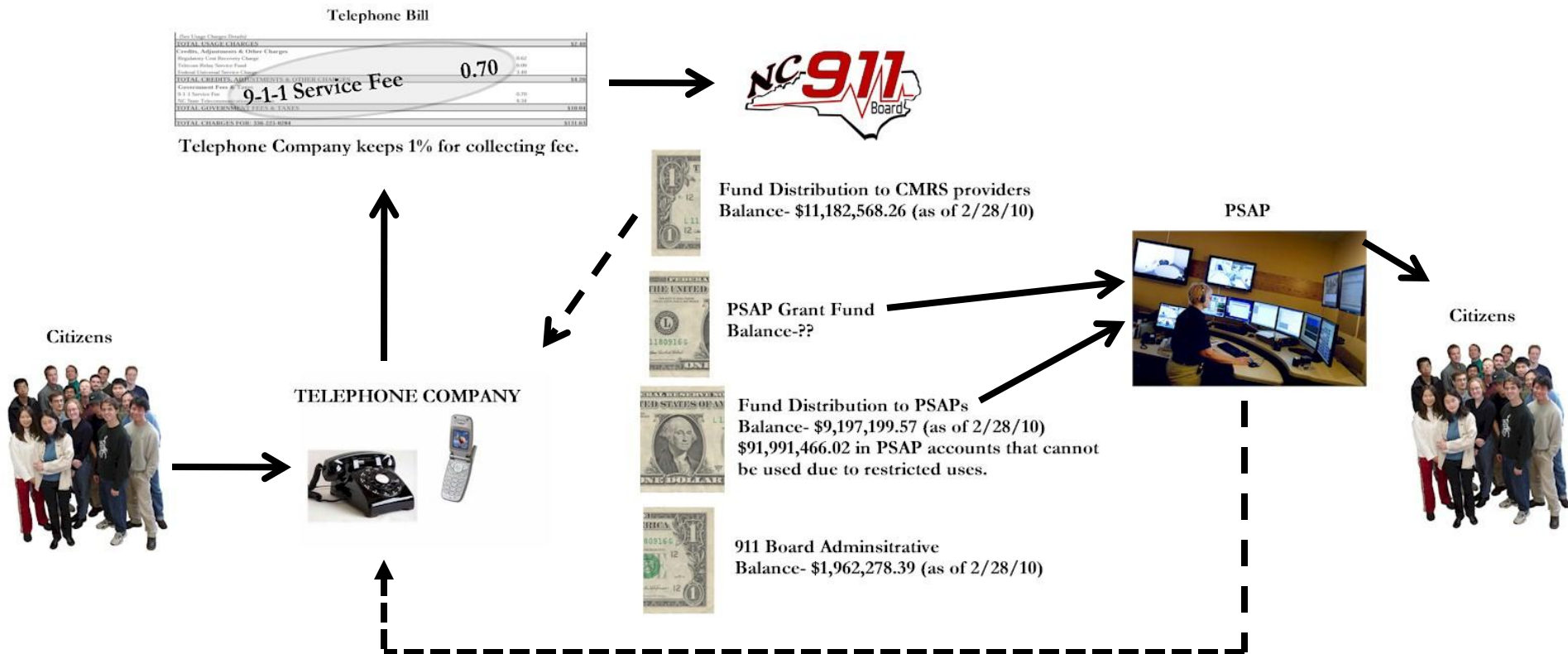
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Why do telephone companies have a majority on the Board?

- 911 Technical Expertise??
- Funding Decisions??
- The 911 Board controls how 911 funding is spent.
- Statute limits funding to 911 equipment that only receives the 911 call. No funds for dispatching equipment.
- A majority of the board assures that funding is only used in areas telephone companies want.

911 Funding

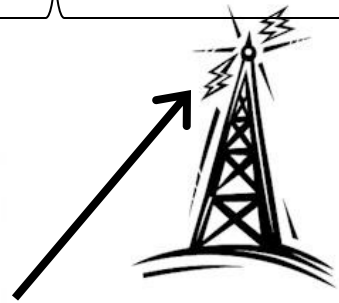


911 Call

Receipt of the call.

Dispatch of the call.

Respond to the call.



Q: Who sells the equipment to receive the call?

A: Telephone companies that sit on the 911 Board.

Solutions to the Problem – 911 BOARD




- Working Group Formed on March 17th: 911 Board, NCACC, NCLM

- Telcos invited – submitted comments

- Group worked to resolve differences.

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•GOAL: Establish Board Parity

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•8 – Local Government

•8 – Telephone Companies

WHO AGREES?



Solutions to the Problem – 911 FUNDING – Establish Standards

- Establish 911 Standards
 - Provides same level of service statewide
 - Ensures that funding is being spent on equipment that is needed to reach statewide standards






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Standards Subcommittee

1	 NCLM	5	 NCACC
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3	 NCLM	7	 NCACC
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•Establish 911 Standards Committee

•STEPS

1. NCACC & NCLM makes 12 recommendations to 911 Board
2. 911 Board Chair Selects 8 Member Standards Committee
3. Standards Committee recommends to Board PSAP standards
4. 911 Board Adopts PSAP Standards

WHO AGREES?



Solutions to the Problem – 911 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY

- Once Standards are Adopted...

- Allow PSAP 911 Funds to be used on all equipment needed to meet standards.
- Once Standards are met, funds can be used to the top of the tower.

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- Until Standards are Adopted...(July 1, 2011??)

- Allow 25% of existing balance and distribution amount of 911 Funds to be used on all equipment within the four walls of the 911 center.

Solutions to the Problem – Future Funding Formula

- **The current funding formula needs to be changed.**

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Solutions to the Problem – Future Funding Formula

- **The current funding formula needs to be changed.**
 - Formula should be changed after new standards are adopted – the new standards will give the Board a better idea about 911 funding costs.
 - Newly constituted Board should craft a new funding formula.
 - Boards should make recommendations to the General Assembly to rewrite current formula statutes.
 - Funding Formula needs to be in place soon after the adoption of new standards. 2011 Long Session issue.

WHO AGREES?



Request to the House Select Committee on the Use of 911 Funds

•Please Support Recommendations that:

1. **Create a Board Parity** - *Equal number of local government representatives as telephone companies.*
2. **PSAP Standards** - *Create mechanism to create and adopt statewide standards.*
3. **Reasonable Flexibility** - *After standards are adopted allow for flexibility of 911 funds to the top of the tower.*
4. **Funding Formula** - *Charge the 911 Board to develop a new funding distribution formula.*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Questions?



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