

TACIR - 911 Funding in TN

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In response to the feedback requests from ECD's in Tennessee, please consider the following. We are a very small district in Middle Tennessee that is seeing an decrease in landline funding from our subscribers. Everyone knows that our citizens are cutting the cord and going wireless. We are just like everyone else in the fact that we would like to see some additional funding, but we don't want to see increased revenue at the expense of cutting the TECB's portion of the funding. The TECB is the backbone of 911 in Tennessee and the very reason Tennessee leads the way in emergency communications. Our suggestion is to raise the wireless rate to \$1.50. Leave the \$1.00 funding as it is distributing those funds at current levels. Then take the additional \$0.50 and distribute it at a 100 percent level back to the local ECD's base on population with 5 percent going to the 50 smallest districts in TN. Additionally, many ECD's like ours, do not depend solely upon 911 funding. We depend on local funding from our cities and counties through inter-local agreements. We are concerned that if 911 funding is increased at the state level then our cities and counties will see this as an opportunity to reduce there funding to the ECD's resulting in no increase in funding at all. The ECD's need some protection under new legislation for exisiting revenues outside the realm of wireless and wireline funding. Thanks for listening and I hope this helps.

Thanks in Advance

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