

Tennessee Emergency Communications Board

Next Generation 911 (NG911)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Tennessee remains a leader in NG911 with our nationally recognized, robust, secure and redundant Emergency Services Internet protocol network (ESInet), over NetTN. This network handles hundreds of thousands of calls each month and helps keep the citizens of Tennessee safe.

NG911 STATISTICS

The state of Tennessee has benefited from the stability of the NG911 network that has been in production for seven years.



WHO IS IMPACTED

All emergency communication districts in the state are impacted by the NG911 project.

CURRENT STATUS – AUGUST UPDATES

On September 27, 2018, the TECB Board voted to proceed with moving from AT&T's microDATA-based Internet protocol selective routing (IPSR) solution to its nationwide ESInet[™] with Next Generation Core Services (NGCS) solution. This decision includes a transition to the automatic location identification (ALI) platform also supported by the AT&T nationwide solution. This change will allow the state of Tennessee to continue its leadership in NG911 and will enable the TECB to deliver on the enhanced technology services outlined in the strategic plan. Some of the benefits the state and ECDs will recognize with this enhancement include:

- NENA i3 compliant solution
- Defense-in-depth security
- Continued 99.999% availability
- Customer management portal
- Six core architecture for additional resiliency
- Integrated text-to-911
- Nine aggregation sites for diversified call entry
- Location database (LDB) functionality

AT&T has started actively planning transition activities such as validating customer premise (CPE) equipment, categorizing PSAPs and planning the cutover methodology. The TECB and AT&T and will hold a formal kickoff meeting on August 8.

Meanwhile, Stage 2 cutovers remain a priority. Five additional PSAPs have transitioned since May, raising the total to 108 PSAPs on Stage 2.

The ECaTs statewide call volume dashboard project is still in progress. There are 66 PSAPs that are live with service and another 50 in progress.



NEXT STEPS

The TECB and AT&T will kick off the nationwide ESInet project and begin planning next steps.

ECaTS installations, activation and training will continue to progress.



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