

## Upcoming Events

**NG911 Data Steward and Data Maintainer Class**

Manhattan- June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kansas-ng911-gis-data-steward-and-data-maintainer-certification-classes-manhattan-registration-24438554374>

**NG911 Data Steward and Data Maintainer Class**

Lawrence- July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kansas-ng911-gis-data-steward-and-data-maintainer-certification-classes-lawrence-registration-24438676740>

**NG911 Data Steward and Data Maintainer Class**

Iola- July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kansas-ng911-gis-data-steward-and-data-maintainer-certification-classes-iola-registration-24438708836>

**KCJIS Conference Hutchinson- June 5-7<sup>th</sup>**

Register at the link below:

<https://www.kansas.gov/ssr/v-kanpayxpr/services/8555/KF-KCJIS76/additionalInformation.html>

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### Kansas 911 Coordinating Council Web Portal

The Kansas 911 Coordinating Council portal is for submissions of GIS data and 911 expenditures. Did you know that you should submit GIS data to the portal on a regular basis? Are you aware that you can submit expenditures for the current year as you spend your 911 fees? The Web Portal can be accessed by going to: <https://portal.kansas911.org>



## Message from the Chief

### Chief Dick Heitschmidt, NG9-1-1 Chair

The Kansas 911 Coordinating Council has had another busy month and it does not look to be slowing down any time soon. Committee members along with AT&T team members have been hard at work to ensure that the Council's call handling solution is second to none. With that being said, please remember that the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council has signed an exclusive agreement with AT&T to provide a hosted NG911 service to Kansas.

The Coordinating Council does not own the hosted network solution; AT&T owns it. Therefore, any other vendor that tells you that their equipment will work on Kansas NG911 and that you will get all the features of Kansas NG911 solution are not sharing the correct information with you.

If a vendor is telling you that you can contact the Coordinating Council to have access to Kansas NG911, this is an invalid statement. As we discussed in last month's newsletter, we take security very seriously. We cannot open the Kansas NG911 network up to outside networks. We encourage you to fully evaluate the complete system you are looking at. Please understand the features and functionality that you will be foregoing if you choose a solution other than Kansas NG911. It is important to understand that Kansas NG911 is a fabric of interconnected PSAPs and delivery systems that brings unique, synergistic capabilities to the PSAPs that cannot be derived without the underlying network design. Also be sure to have your vendor explain how they are going to provide text to 911, geospatial routing, and other i3 services to your PSAP along with the associated costs.

Chief Dick Heitschmidt  
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## GIS Data Training

GIS Data is an important piece of the NG9-1-1 puzzle. What is your role? Data Maintainer or Data Steward? Sign up for a class today! See page 1 for more details!

## KANSAS NG911

Ready to join the Kansas PSAPs who have made the switch to the Kansas NG911 network? Put our team of professionals to work for you! Contact Scott Ekberg to schedule a site consultation!

# CYBERSECURITY ARE YOU PREPARED?



“The Council is already taking steps to prepare an appropriate defense strategy for cybersecurity.”

Jav Coverdale

### Question for the PSAP:

Do you have a small army working to keep your network safe?

### We do!

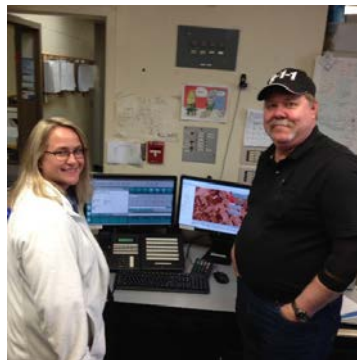
“Cybersecurity continues to raise concern in the Information Technology world. As such this issue is getting a great deal of attention from the 911 Coordinating Council. The Council’s interest is focused on ensuring that the NG911 solution meets or exceeds best practice for protection against Cybersecurity attacks. The current network for NG911 is a closed network provided by AT&T for the sole purpose of supporting the call handling solution that is being deployed. Currently only legacy calls are routed into the network via traditional PSTN tandem voice trunks. The network is not accessible from the Internet which is known to be the primary source of access for cyber criminals intending to cause harm.

As NG911 moves toward geospatial routing the Internet will come into play and cybersecurity will be necessary. The Council is already taking steps to prepare an appropriate defense strategy for cybersecurity. A sub-committee of the 911 Technical Committee has been formed specifically to address security and is currently working to develop the strategy, policies, and security measures necessary to provide adequate protection from an attack. Additional information will be provided as this work progresses but in the meantime rest assured that the Council is committed to providing a dependable NG911 solution.”

Jay Coverdale  
Technical Committee Chair



Hamilton County Sheriff Richard Garza and Scott Ekberg at another successful cutover on May 24, 2016.



Kearny County- May 26, 2016 Scott Ekberg with Erica Tarpley



## Letter from the Editor- Lori Alexander, NG9-1-1 Liaison

The month of May has several significant dates to honor those in law enforcement, emergency medical services, armed forces and Memorial Day to reflect on those, who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedom.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is dedicated as National Peace Officer’s Day by a proclamation John F. Kennedy signed in 1962. The week that the 15<sup>th</sup> falls in is set as Police Week.

Emergency Medical Services week was also the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>. President Gerald Ford first declared

November 3 – 10, 1974 as “National Emergency Medical Services Week”. It has been moved over the years so it did not conflict with other public education and safety programs.

The first celebration of Armed Forces Day was May 20, 1950 and the theme was “Teamed for Defense”. This year Armed Forces Day was May 21<sup>st</sup> and the theme is “Guardians of Freedom”.

Thank you to all of you in your chosen field of service! You are greatly appreciated!

## NG911 Working for You

Wednesday evening, May 25<sup>th</sup>, a tornado left a path of destruction in Dickinson County. Sherry Massey, GIS Coordinator of Dickinson County was tasked with producing a list of houses in the damage path. Sherry advised that creating this list and making maps to record the damage was done **more accurately and quickly** than in past situations thanks to the requirements of the Kansas GIS Data Model.

This is not the first time the GIS Data Model has been of great value...it was used as a tool for aiding in fighting the Anderson Creek Fire in Barber County!



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<http://www.kwch.com/content/news/STORM-TEAM>

## This Month’s Q&A



develop strategies for future enhancements to the 911 system.

For more information or to read the entire document:  
<http://www.kansas911.org/documentcenter/view/146>

**Q: What is the role/responsibility of the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council?**

**A: 12-5364. 911 coordinating council.** (a) (1) There is hereby created the 911 coordinating council which shall monitor the delivery of 911 services,

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