



Upcoming Events

911 Coordinating Council Meetings- October 17, 2016

Holiday Inn Wichita East I-35

Visit the 911 Coordinating Council website calendar for the full schedule

<http://kansas911.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=22>

**Vesta User Training
Holiday Inn Wichita East I-35**

October 17, 2016

Vesta user training in the Pine Room

Two sessions will be held for agencies currently using the NG9-1-1 Call Handling System supported by the 911 Coordinating Council. Sessions are on October 17th, 2016 from 0800-1200 and 1300-1700 hours.

Sign up for a session by emailing Lori Alexander at lori.alexander@kansas911.org

Kansas Fall APCO Conference

Wichita- October 17th -19th, 2016

Sedgwick County Emergency Communications is honored to host the Kansas APCO Fall Conference, celebrating those that represent the thin gold line throughout the state of Kansas. The conference, held October 17th through October 19th, will be full of opportunities to celebrate your excellence while learning more about your chosen profession and networking with other gold liners. The conference is being held at the newly renovated Holiday Inn located at 549 S. Rock Rd. in Wichita. Please join us!

Register at:
<http://www.ksapco.org/>



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Kansas 911 Coordinating Council Website

The Kansas 911 Coordinating Council website is under construction. Visit the website for updates. Newsflash and the calendar are new additions that are being utilized. Additions are being made to the photo gallery. Do not forget to “Like” us on Facebook.



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Message from the Chief Chief Dick Heitschmidt, NG9-1-1 Chair

Some exciting things are happening in the NG9-1-1 world. A year ago, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) formed the Task Force on Optimal PSAP Architecture (“Task Force”). The Task Force studied the progress of transition to NG9-1-1 nationwide. The conclusion of the report is that many states are not adequately addressing the Congressional vision for NG9-1-1. As a result, on July 7, 2016, Rear Admiral (retired) David Simpson, Chief Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, sent a letter to all state governors. The letter expresses disappointment and concern that a large number of jurisdictions have stalled in their transition from legacy 9-1-1 service to NG9-1-1. It is with great pride that I can reassure our governor that Kansas NG9-1-1 is not stalled. In fact, Kansas is a national leader in transition to NG9-1-1. For example, by next week, we will have migrated 34 PSAPs (34% of the state) to the statewide solution. Our success is attributed to a phenomenal team effort by all of our stakeholders. And so, on behalf of the 9-1-1 Coordinating Council, please accept a big “Thank you and well done, Kansas.”

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? The Data Steward class will be offered on October 17th at the Wichita Holiday Inn East I-35 from 1300-1600 hours in the Elm Room



STAR OF THE ‘300 CLUB’

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!



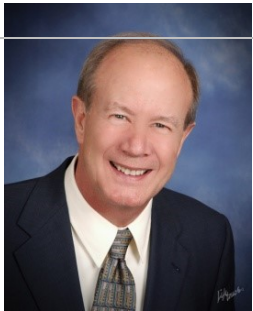
And then there were 30! Woodson County cutover on June 7, 2016. Scott with Kathy Kress reviewing the new Vesta System.



Stanton County #29 Scott Ekberg and Dispatcher Cara Richardson review the system June 2, 2016.



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INTRODUCING RANDALL WHITE
NG9-1-1 PROGRAM MANAGER

What is your role on Kanas NG911? In May 2013, Walter Way, then chair of the Council, asked if I would help him with front-end project planning of Kansas NG911. I immediately jumped at the opportunity of helping Kansans. As program manager, my job is to help others on the project. And it astounds me how well and how fast this project has taken shape. Back in March, Chief Heitschmidt, now chair of the Council, and Jay Coverdale, chair of the Technical Committee, were discussing the success of the project just before they spoke at APCO International. We discovered that secret of all that success. It is all the stakeholders of Kansas NG911! At any given moment, some 300 people are working together to make public safety their goal.

How do you like working on Kansas NG911? I love working on NG911. Most of my career was dedicated to national defense. I have always wanted to do something meaningful at the local and state level. NG911 is giving me that opportunity. And that is very fulfilling for me.

What do you see as the greatest challenge for NG911?
NG911 is evolving. So the future is not totally defined. Nevertheless, we are well-positioned for whatever the future brings. Our partners are on the leading edge of NG911 technology. That ensures Kansans that they will have the very best in public safety.

What do you want our newsletter readers to know?
I want them to know that they are a blessing to our state. Knowing that by dialing three numbers someone will say, “9-1-1, what is your emergency?” is powerful and comforting. Your readers are directly responsible for that unprecedented security. On behalf of myself and my family, thank you!

Randall White



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

If you have not had a chance to check out the 911 Coordinating Council’s Facebook page the picture above is currently the background picture. I took that picture while out kayaking on Perry Lake last year. I decided on that picture for a few reasons, one was because I thought it was a beautiful sunset but more than that it represented a vision; forward thinking, planning and the future. I am grateful to be working in a career I love with a great group of people.

It was pointed out that we have many people working behind the scenes so to speak...on the 911 Coordinating Council. We will be putting a member front and center each month in our Stars of the “300 Club”. This month I would like to introduce Randall White. The name “300 Club” came from a discussion on the number of people involved with the NG911 call handling solution. A solution that was years in the making and now has 37 PSAPs live!

This Month’s Q&A

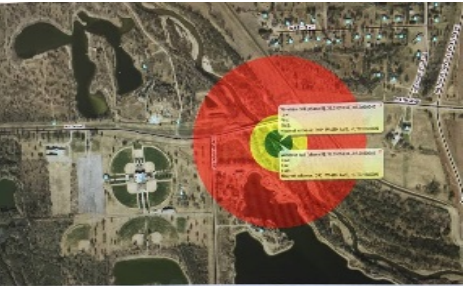


Q: What is the statute governing 911 fees?

A: K.S.A. 12-5375(a) The proceeds of the 911 fees imposed pursuant to this act, and any interest earned on revenue derived from such fee, shall be used only for necessary and

NG911 Saving Lives

July 7th, 2016 the Hutchinson/Reno County 911 center received a 911 call from a teenager who had went tubing with two other teens. The PSAP was able to see where the call was coming in from on the river with the NG911 call handling system and Vesta Locate (map). Emergency crews were directed to the teens. The call taker did a great job reassuring the caller! Great job to all those involved in a successful rescue.



Retrieved from: http://www.hutchnews.com/multimedia/video-the-call-from-the-water-rescue-on-the-arkansas/video_808d2141-ce95-59a9-99c6-2207849ca4f7.html

Reasonable costs incurred by PSAPs...for the list of acceptable uses see the 911 Coordinating Council website www.kansas911.org

If you have questions on what may be acceptable contact 911 Liaison Lori Alexander for more information at lori.alexander@kansas911.org

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July 7th we were in Elk County (#31) for the go-live with Sheriff Hanks.

Texting will be added to the NG911 solution soon for those agencies on the 911 Coordinating Council's System. eRepublic has been on hand to assist with the media coverage that will be coming soon!



Dawn Deason (Director, Writer & Editor) Jackie Taylor (logistics) Mark Wimberly (AT&T supervisor) and Esther Ritter (video) for eRepublic



Stevens County (#32) went live on July 19th. Scott Ekberg and Christen Campbell are reviewing the NG911 Call Handling System.

Allen County (#33) join the network July 22nd. Scott Ekberg and Jason Trego dicuss NG911.



#34 to join the network was Barton County Scott Ekberg and Dena Popp are pictured.



Mary Rothchild with Jewell County live on the system August 11th.



Brenda Herrman and Connie Terry with Ellsworth County taking calls on the NG911 system. Go-Live was August 25th.

Shortly after going live a gas pipeline blew in Lincoln County. The Vesta Locate Map quickly plotted the calls.
<http://www.kwch.com/content/news/170-391325032.html>

Ford County Director Elliott Linke with Essence Echols –August 30th taking calls on the NG911 system.



Eye on It

Vesta Release 6.0 and 6.1

Release 6.0 was successfully deployed over a two week period in June.

Release 6.1 is still in the testing labs at AT&T. We will have more information as it becomes available.

This release will allow PSAPs to receive text messages!

