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And then there were 69.....

by Chief Heitschmidt

We have been very busy the past several months and we are not slowing down going into the fall. With the addition of Sedgwick County 911 to the statewide call handling system on September 13th we now have 69 PSAPs on the hosted solution. So much is happening with Kansas NG911. There are now 69 PSAPs live on our NG911 Hosted Solution. Our GIS data and data model are a showcase for the nation in preparation for geospatial call routing. SMS texting is right on our doorstep. We completed text to 911 testing at our Yoder test and evaluation site in September. The "go live" date for text to 911 for the statewide call handling system is November 2nd. Scott Ekberg has submitted the PSAP readiness paperwork to the FCC for the 70 PSAPs that will go live with Text to 911 on the statewide system. We are actively developing our strategy

for migration to the nationwide Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) starting early next year. Not to mention, our active participation with NASNA, NENA, and APCO to help shape the future of NG911. All of this would not be possible without all of you!

Your relentless passion for public safety is the main ingredient that provides the essential collaboration needed for Kansas to maintain its leadership role for the nation making NG911 a reality.

Thank you,

Chief Heitschmidt, Chair
Kansas NG911 Coordinating Council



AT&T Tiger Team

The AT&T Tiger Team having a little fun. Paying their last respects to the old equipment to make way for NG911.



Text to 911

Text to 911 will be coming to the statewide call handling system soon. Remember the slogan! Call If You Can, Text If You Can't!

Catalyst Award

And the award goes to.....

The Kansas 911 Coordinating Council! Ken Nelson, Kansas Geographic Information Officer and Eileen Battles, GIS Project Manager attended the National States Geographical Information Council (NSGIC) Conference in Rhode Island, September 25th – 29th. Ken was presented with the Geospatial Excellence Catalyst Award on behalf of the Council and the recognized team members. The award was for the development and ongoing maintenance of the statewide geographic data that will fuel the routing engine of NG911. Key team members are: Scott Ekberg, Eileen Battles, Sherry Massey, Kristen Jordan-Koenig and Kelly Emmons. For more on the award and the NSGIC Conference go to

<https://nsgic.memberclicks.net/2017-NSGIC-awards>



“ We got many double takes when we talk about our 100% GIS data maintenance compliance” Eileen Battles, GIS Project Manager

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Admin Day- Salina 2017

by Lori Alexander



I would call our first Admin Day a success from the feedback I have received. I hope those of you who joined us in Salina were able to take away many useful tools and information to help you in your PSAP. We have plans for another Admin Day mid-year 2018. We had 63 attendees and 37 PSAPs represented. If you were not able to join us and would like information on any of the

topics please email me.

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I would like to thank Sherry Massey, Michele Abbott, Josh Michaelis, Eileen Battles and Ellen Wernicke for taking the time to present information and assist with Admin Day. We had a lot of information to cover in a short time.

I will be working on making some of the training available on the Knowledge Center and provide notice as it becomes available.

Thanks to all those who attended. I hope you enjoyed the day and gained some new information to assist in your day-to-day operations.

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai Visits Sedgwick County 911

by Lori Alexander



SEDGWICK COUNTY 911 TOUR



Elora Forshee, Director, Sedgwick County 911



Roundtable discussion after the tour. FCC Chair Ajit Pai, FCC Public Safety and Consumer Protection Advisor Zenji Nakazawa, Congressman Ron Estes, AT&T President Kay Kapoor and members of the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council discuss NG911



FAST FACTS

80%

Of the total number of 911 calls in August were received on a wireless line. (KS statewide call handling)

8.56%

Of the total number of 911 calls in August were received on a residential line. (KS statewide call handling)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://youtu.be/OaHUuaTRxbc>

Watch FCC Chair Ajit Pai discuss NG911

Sedgwick County 911 Director Elora Forshee hosted a tour of the 911 center to showcase the NG911 Kansas 911 statewide call handling system. During the press conference Director Forshee explained her decision to join the hosted solution. "The new system allows us to streamline our processes, creating proficiencies that allow citizens to contact 911 in a more reliable fashion and the mapping/GIS provided with the system helps us locate callers more quickly".

FCC Chair Ajit Pai advised in his recent travels he visited several 911 centers and was happy to see that his home state of Kansas was ahead of the curve with NG911. For more on the Chairman Pai's visit see: <https://storify.com/FCC/digital-divide-midwest>