



KANSAS NG9-1-1 *IN THE NEWS* SEPTEMBER 2015

A Word from the Chairman

“Kansas crossed another historical milestone. We have two PSAPs that have migrated from their legacy 9-1-1 platform to the leading edge technology of Next-Generation 9-1-1. On August 28, Reno County was the first PSAP to migrate. Cowley County followed shortly afterward on September 9. More sites are on the way.

This monumental achievement officially establishes Kansas as one of the prestigious leaders of NG9-1-1 in the nation. The Council is fortunate to have a leading edge team to make this leading edge service a reality. We are grateful to you all.”

Dick Heitschmidt

Ken Nelson Launches SIF

On September 16, Ken Nelson, SIF Subcommittee Chairman, officially kicked off his preliminary planning workgroup. “The Spatial Information Function (SIF), now called “Spatial Interface”, is at the core of geo-spatial routing and an important first step toward our emerging i3 infrastructure. Over the next few months, Sherry Massey will work with NENA to develop Spatial Interface (SI) standards, as we collect information from vendors to draft our SI specification. This is an exciting time for GIS and NG9-1-1.”

Ken Nelson



“We have been on NG9-1-1 since August 26, 2015. I love it. It meets all of our expectations. We are excited about using new features as they are added to the service.”

Michele Abbott, Director
Hutchinson Reno County Emergency
Communications



Ken Nelson, Dick Heitschmidt, Eileen Battles
Discuss GIS during Cowley County cutover.

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Kansas NG9-1-1
Deployment Target Schedule through Jan 5

<i>Hutchinson/Reno County Emergency Comm's</i>	<i>complete</i>
<i>Cowley County Emergency Communications</i>	<i>complete</i>
Lane County Sheriff's Office	10/20/15
Wallace County Sheriff's Department	10/22/15
Rush County Sheriff's Office Communications	11/04/15
Ness County Sheriff's Office	11/05/15
Mitchell County Communications Center	11/10/15
Sheridan County Sheriff's Office	11/12/15
Greeley County Sheriff's Office	12/01/15
Wichita County Sheriff's Office	12/03/15
Hodgeman County Sheriff's Office	12/15/15
Gray County Sheriff's Office	12/17/15
Larned Police Department	01/05/16
Rawlins County Communications	01/05/16
Cheyenne County Communications	01/05/16
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	01/05/16
Lyon County Emergency Communications	01/05/16
Grant County Law Enforcement Center	01/05/16

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circumstance that the Council needs to
consider, call Scott Ekberg
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Frequently Asked Questions

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Why can't we just stay on our current system?

You can. The problem is that legacy equipment is failing, may not be supported, and the network is in the sunset phase.

How old is the current legacy system?

The technology that current legacy systems are based on is over 40 years old.

How does Kansas compare with the rest of the United States?

Kansas is in the top nine states actively

Is NG911 better than what I currently have?

NG911 will offer geo-spatial routing, text, photo, video, Telematics as NENA releases new standards.

How many PSAPs have committed to transition to NG911?

64 of our 117 PSAP; others are deciding weekly.

What if I decide to "go-it-alone"?

Your system may not be compatible with or interoperable with the statewide NG911 system.

Will we need special training?

Yes. While much of NG911 call handling is similar to what you are doing now, there are new procedures. Don't worry, we will give you everything you need.

How much does NG911 cost me?

It depends on what your center needs and wants. Call Scott Ekberg for your cost estimate.

Are there advantages to PSAPs collaborating and forming partnerships?

Yes. Neighboring PSAPs can back up each other during emergency situations, and in some cases may be able to reduce total seat count.