

Intergovernmental Advisory Council

E911

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What is E911?

What is state role? IC 36-8-16 and 36-8-16.5

- Landline and wireless surcharges
- Limitations on number of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)s in a county
- Infrastructure

Montgomery County Indiana

- Role of Durrett and Capehart
- Relevant characteristics: west central, rural, county seat Crawfordsville, one PSAP, Wabash College
- Population 38,124—in the mid range of population size: 903,393 Marion to 6,128 Ohio. Thirty-nine counties larger than Montgomery
- Center budget is roughly \$800,000. Staffing 24/7/365 times two dispatchers at all times.

Challenges

- Local policy makers are unaware of cost
- Local governments need to be efficient and effective
- Surcharge income decreasing
- A service population of fewer than 75,000 must supplement its surcharge income with general funds

Intergovernmental opportunity

- County boundaries are traditional lens; service population may be a better lens
- A service population area of about 75,000 people with the current surcharges can support one center.
- The creation of a multi-county center is economically feasible, technically possible, and politically challenging. Only current multi-county center is Fountain/Warren. Some small counties use jailers as dispatchers.