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Indiana Association of
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E911/PSAP Funding

- The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT), the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC), and the Indiana Association of County Commissioners (IACC) worked cooperatively during the 2012 session for the passage SEA 345. However, there was one major point which did not get resolved -- the revenue sharing of E911 revenue. Therefore, SEA 345 recommended that the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations further study the relationship between local units of government in regard to funding PSAPs.

- There are two main points that need to be addressed:
 - 1) There is insufficient revenue to fund PSAPs
 - 2) The roles and responsibilities of operating PSAPs is unclear

- Without addressing these two points, in-fighting occurs between layers of government, PSAPs are operated inefficiently and quality control suffers.
 - Because funding for E911/PSAPs is insufficient at the county level, many municipalities are contributing financially, but the contributions are not uniform to insure fairness to all taxpayers.
 - As technology changes, funding will be even more scarce and these problems will be exacerbated, if not addressed.

- **IACT's POSITION: If you receive the funding, you are responsible for providing the service.** Currently, E911 revenue is collected by the state and distributed to county government. County government is under no obligation to share the revenue with municipalities or to municipally-run PSAPs. County government should ultimately be responsible for the PSAPs in that county absent an inter-local agreement which sets up an alternative arrangement.
 - It is important to have the flexibility at the local level to craft inter-local agreements, due to unique situations.
 - Money should be raised on a county-wide basis to make up for gaps in funding.