

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 911 LAW COMPLIANCE BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS SERVING KANSAS CUSTOMERS IN 2012

The State of Kansas enacted significant revisions to 911 laws with the "911 Act" contained in Substitute for Senate Bill #50 that was signed into law on May 18, 2011. The "911 Act" changes what 911 fees may be assessed on all telecommunications services provided to Kansas based customers and it imposes a number of duties upon service providers such as your business. While some provisions of the law took effect this year, many provisions go into effect January 1, 2012. The new law and information upon the activities of the 911 Coordinating Council charged with implementing it may be accessed at www.kansas911.org.

Key changes in Kansas 911 laws that will affect your business are:

- Existing 911 taxes upon wireline telephone service and 911 fees upon wireless and Voice Over IP service will be eliminated as of January 1, 2012. 911 taxes and 911 fees collected in late 2011 will continue to be remitted in accordance with current law and practices.
- Effective January 1, 2012, a new statewide 911 Fee of \$0.53 per month per subscriber account (telephone number capable of accessing 911) will be imposed and that fee applies to hardwire phones, wireless phones, and VoIP phones.
- Service providers will be required to remit 911 fees collected from customers to the designated state Local Collection Point Administrator "LCPA" on a monthly basis.
- Service providers shall provide a monthly return to report their billed and collected 911 fees with such information required by the LCPA to identify the 911 fees collected from each jurisdiction served by a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), so that 911 fees may be distributed to the appropriate PSAPs. The required information is under development and may include ZIP+4, Geocoded addresses, taxation areas, or a combination of such customer location methods.
- Beginning January 1, 2012, a prepaid wireless 911 fee of 1.06 percent per retail transaction will be paid by the consumer at the point of sale for prepaid wireless services. No other 911 fee will be imposed upon prepaid wireless service.
- Service providers must provide specific contact information for their businesses to the 911 Coordinating Council prior to January 2012.

The 911 Coordinating Council will designate the new LCPA in November 2011 and establish the approved procedures for compliance with the above requirements of the 911 Act as soon as feasible. Please direct your questions to the organization providing this Notice to your business and those inquiries will be forwarded to the 911 Coordinating Council.