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Introduced by: Derdowski

Proposed No.: 94-755MOTION NO 9483

A MOTION approving the scope of work for a study related to funding of the E-911 system.

WHEREAS, the 1994 adopted budget included \$50,000 for a comprehensive study of opportunities for consolidation of some or all public safety answering points (PSAPS) in King County, and

WHEREAS, the 1995 adopted budget included a provision indicating that the expenditure of E-911 Grant Funds to PSAPs is contingent upon council review and approval of a detailed work plan for said study, and

WHEREAS, through discussions with representatives of King County PSAPs, an additional interest was expressed to examine the goals of the E-911 system and the priorities for the distribution of E-911 funds, and

WHEREAS, accomplishing the revised scope of work for the study (Attachment A) would result in a review of the current policies for the use of E-911 funds, the development of regional goals for the E-911 system, and recommendations for new policies for distributing E-911 funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County: 1 The scope of work for a report on the goals of the E-911 2 system, an analysis of PSAP consolidation opportunities, and the priorities for the distribution of E-911 funds, substantially in the form of Attachment A, thereby permitting 5 the expenditure of E-911 Grant Funds to PSAPs, is hereby authorized. 7 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 13 day of 8 February, 1995. 9 KING COUNTY COUNCIL 10 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON 11 Kent Pullen 12 Chair 13 ATTEST: 14 15 Clerk of the Council 16

Attachments:

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A) Scope of Work for Study on E-911 Funding Policies and Opportunities for PSAP Consolidation



ATTACHMENT A

SCOPE OF WORK FOR STUDY ON E-911 FUNDING POLICIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PSAP CONSOLIDATION

I. Background

King County's Enhanced 911 System has been operating since September 4, 1985. The system was implemented with a total of twenty-seven Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). Since that time, some PSAPs have consolidated with others to reduce the number to twenty.

The E-911 System is managed by King County through the E-911 Program Office. A regional committee comprised of the directors of the PSAPs advises the program office on the management of the system. The County has responsibility for the E-911 System from the caller's telephone through to the point where the 911 call is answered at the PSAP. At that point, the responsibility for the handling of the 911 call shifts to the PSAP.

II. Purpose

It is recognized that having this high number of PSAPs may not be the most efficient system for the answering and handling of the 911 calls. The E-911 Program Office has encouraged the consolidation of PSAPs and has committed to funding consolidations. The purpose of this study is to perform a review of the current configuration of the E-911 System and current policies for the distribution of E-911 funds, to analyze the PSAPs for consolidation possibilities, and to recommend funding policies which encourage PSAP consolidation if appropriate.

III. Method

This study will be conducted by the E-911 Program Office in conjunction with the Regional PSAP Committee. The E-911 Program Manager will coordinate the project. An engineering consultant may be utilized for gathering data from the PSAPs and analyzing consolidation possibilities. Funding policies which are developed through this study will be reviewed by the King County Prosecutor's Office.

IV. Scope of Work

- A. Description of current E-911 System.
 - 1. Describe configuration of E-911 System, including the network, data base, PSAPs, and E-911 Program Office.
 - 2. For each PSAP, describe the types of services provided, past and current workload levels, population and geographic area served, current staffing and budget levels, and current and past level of funding received from E-911.
- B. Description of E-911 Revenues and Expenditures.
 - 1. Detail amount of revenues received from E-911 tax.
 - 2. Detail E-911 expenditures and revenue distribution.
 - 3. Project Five-year costs to administer E-911 Program.
- C. Review state and local legislation which authorizes and restricts the collection and expenditure of E-911 funds.
 - 1. Review current state and local legislation.
 - 2. Review legal interpretations of legislation.
 - 3. Review results of State Revenue Department study on E-911 funding and determine impact.
- D. Describe current procedures for distribution of E-911 revenue to the PSAPs.
- E. Analyze opportunities for PSAP consolidations.
 - 1. Outline potential benefits and costs of PSAP consolidation on E-911 System.
 - 2. Analyze PSAP data to identify feasible consolidations.
- F. Develop E-911 funding goals, policies, and procedures.
 - 1. Develop list of items which are appropriately funded with the E-911 excise tax.
 - 2. Establish priorities for the distribution of E-911 funds to the PSAPs which will encourage PSAP consolidations if appropriate.

3. Establish policies and procedures which will govern the distribution of E-911 funds in the future.

G. Prepare final report.

- 1. Present report to Regional Policy Committee.
- 2. Present report to Metropolitan King County Council.

V. Project Schedule

This study will commence upon approval of the scope of work by the King County Metropolitan Council.

TASK		START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
A.	Description of current E-911 System.	2/1/95	5/1/95
В.	Description of E-911 Revenues and Expenditures.	4/1/95	6/1/95
C.	Review state and local legislation which authorizes and restricts the collection and expenditure of E-911 funds.	6/1/95	9/1/95
D.	Describe current procedures for distribution of E-911 revenue to the PSAPs.	9/1/95	10/1/95
E.	Analyze opportunities for PSAP consolidations.	9/1/95	11/1/95
F.	Develop E-911 funding goals, policies, and procedures.	10/1/95	12/1/95
G.	Prepare final report.	12/1/95	12/31/95