

1 **2022 NYSAC Legislative Conference**  
2 **Standing Committee on Public Safety**  
3 **Resolution #4**

4 **Resolution Calling on New York State to Sufficiently Invest in 9-1-1 Funding**  
5 **to Ensure Proper Maintenance with Existing Systems and Prepare for Next**  
6 **Generation 9-1-1 Technologies**

7 **WHEREAS**, the funding mechanism that New York State counties use to help operate,  
8 maintain and upgrade 9-1-1 system capability and performance is out of date and does  
9 not correspond well to recent technology and marketplace changes; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the FCC has released their latest report for 2020 and it shows that New  
11 York collected \$241,643,008.00 and diverted over \$100,765,134.34 (41.7 percent) to  
12 other non 9-1-1 related purposes and the general fund; and

13 **WHEREAS**, currently it states in the Tax Law, Article 186-f, Section 5, forty-one and  
14 seven-tenths of the revenues collected and received are swept into the state general fund  
15 and not provided for public safety services; and

16 **WHEREAS**, this diversion shifts the bulk of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1)  
17 readiness financing to counties and other local governments PSAPs in New York State;  
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, the diversion of E9-1-1 funds results in a system that does not direct  
20 sufficient revenue to allow counties to properly maintain existing systems, while also  
21 preparing to implement NG 9-1-1 technology required under federal law; and

22 **WHEREAS**, under current law, for the last four budget years, \$10 million was  
23 authorized and targeted directly to PSAP's and up to \$65 million was set aside for the  
24 provision of grants and reimbursements to counties administered by the state  
25 interoperable communications grants (SICG) program, administered by the New York  
26 State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and

27 **WHEREAS**, due to the designation of E9-1-1 fees for non 9-1-1 related expenses, New  
28 York State PSAPS are not eligible for any of the \$115 million federal grant funding for  
29 E9-1-1 and NG 9-1-1 enhancements and IP based advanced networks; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the goal of upgraded NG 9-1-1 systems is to make sure that all devices  
31 capable of connecting to the system can do so using voice, text, video images and other  
32 data formats to better inform the emergency responders to the situation they will be  
33 entering; and

34 **WHEREAS**, NG 9-1-1 upgraded systems will be able to better pinpoint an emergency  
35 call that may be in a remote area of the state or in a multi-storied building in one of our  
36 communities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, recognizing a more precise location of those needing emergency services  
2 will improve outcomes and save lives, but this cannot be accomplished without  
3 consistent and timely funding from the State.

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of  
5 Counties (NYSAC) calls on Governor Kathy Hochul and the Department of Homeland  
6 Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable Communications to release all  
7 funds authorized within the Enacted State Budget to ensure eligibility for federal FCC  
8 E9-1-1/NG9-1-1 resources, and to ensure monies collected for the Public Safety  
9 Surcharge are allocated within that budget year and remain in the Public Safety  
10 Surcharge fund and not moved into the general fund for nonpublic safety related  
11 purposes; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC further calls on the State Division of  
13 Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) to implement the draft 9-1-1 plan,  
14 and ensure the creation of a statewide NG 9-1-1 system connecting all of the county and  
15 municipal 9-1-1 systems into one statewide system; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NYSAC further calls on the State to fund NG 9-1-1  
17 implementation with state resources; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, releasing these funding obligations on a regular  
19 schedule will provide certainty and build continuity as we upgrade and maintain  
20 existing systems and prepare for NG 9-1-1 development and implementation; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of  
22 New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
24 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, DHSES Commissioner Jackie  
25 Bray, and all others deemed necessary and proper.