

1 **2022 NYSAC Fall Seminar**  
2 **NYSAC Board of Directors**  
3 **Resolution #6**

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5 **Resolution Calling on New York State to Sufficiently Invest in 9-1-1 Funding**  
6 **to Ensure Proper Maintenance with Existing Systems and Prepare for Next**  
7 **Generation 9-1-1 Technologies**  
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9 **WHEREAS**, the funding mechanism that New York State counties use to help operate,  
10 maintain and upgrade 9-1-1 system capability and performance is out of date and does  
11 not correspond well with recent technology and marketplace changes; and  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the FCC has released their latest report for 2020, and it shows that New  
14 York collected \$241,643,008 and diverted over \$100,765,134 (41.7 percent) to other  
15 non-9-1-1 related purposes and the general fund; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, currently, it states in the Tax Law, Article 186-f, Section 5, forty-one and  
18 seven-tenths of the revenues collected and received are swept into the state general fund  
19 and not provided for public safety services; and  
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21 **WHEREAS**, this diversion shifts the bulk of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1)  
22 readiness financing to counties and other local governments' PSAPs in New York State;  
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25 **WHEREAS**, the diversion of E9-1-1 funds results in a system that does not direct  
26 sufficient revenue to allow counties to properly maintain existing systems while also  
27 preparing to implement NG 9-1-1 technology required under federal law; and  
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29 **WHEREAS**, under current law, for the last four budget years, \$10 million was  
30 authorized and targeted directly to PSAPs and up to \$65 million was set aside for the  
31 provision of grants and reimbursements to counties administered by the State  
32 Interoperable Communications Grants (SICG) program, administered by the New York  
33 State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES); and  
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35 **WHEREAS**, due to the designation of E9-1-1 fees for non 9-1-1 related expenses, New  
36 York State PSAPs are not eligible for any of the \$115 million in federal grant funding for  
37 E9-1-1 and NG 9-1-1 enhancements and IP-based advanced networks; and  
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39 **WHEREAS**, the goal of upgraded NG 9-1-1 systems is to make sure that all devices  
40 capable of connecting to the system can do so using voice, text, video images and other  
41 data formats to better inform the emergency responders of the situation they will be  
42 entering; and  
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44 **WHEREAS**, NG 9-1-1 upgraded systems will be able to better pinpoint an emergency  
45 call that may be in a remote area of the state or in a multi-storied building in one of our  
46 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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