Chairman O’Connell and committee members; thank you for the invitation to speak to the Committee on this important subject. As discussed with this committee at previous meetings, every county and city that levies a 9-1-1 fee must make a report of their fee revenue, expenditures and status for a report to the Legislature each interim.

The statutory Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee is charged with collecting and compiling this information. This Committee is right in the middle of the process at this time.

You may recall me mentioning that we prepare this through two reports – one that comes from the 53 counties and 2 cities that levy a fee – and one that comes from the 22 entities that operate a PSAP.

The 55 “first reports” are all in, although there is a bit of verification that still needs to be done. The second of these reports are being returned right now, with a March 31st target. Unfortunately, as you may be aware, most of our local 911 coordinators are also emergency managers and many of them are otherwise occupied right now, and for some it will be a few weeks before they get their heads “above water”.

But I do have very good results on the revenue and total expenditure side – it is the breakdown of the expenditures, and then the equally important information on staffing, training, responders dispatched, calls handled etc. that still needs to be compiled. This more descriptive information is really critical to the full understanding of the funding.

So, please accept the attached information as a “preliminary report”. The final report will be more formal, looking at trends and challenges as well.

Today’s report shows that operation of our Statewide Emergency Services Communications System in North Dakota costs just over $16 million, of which a little over half comes from the 9-1-1 fee. The balance comes largely from property tax,
although a small amount may come from other general fund sources and in the case of the Red River Regional Dispatch Center in Fargo, a good share of their “other funds” come from 9-1-1 fees and general fund revenues from Moorhead and Clay County – as they are participants in this joint dispatch center.

It has been pointed out that there is quite a bit of variation in fund balances and expenses from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. This often is a result of saving funds for large expenditures (such as equipment upgrades) that don’t happen that often. For this reason, a number of jurisdictions submitted comments to clarify their data – these have been attached and coded to the jurisdiction.

Also attached are two pie charts that provide a quick look at expenditures.

Also requested was a status of Next Generation 9-1-1 planning. To help illustrate this, I have copied the agendas for the two meetings of the ESCCC, held since your Committee last met.

At the February meeting, the 9-1-1 Coordinator from the State of Minnesota was invited to provide a presentation of their proposed implementation of NG911. At the March meeting, staff from our own Information Technology Department explained the State’s broadband network and the ways in which it could possibly be used as we transition our 9-1-1 call routing from traditional phone lines to broadband communications.

The Committee is also gathering Requests for Information or (RFIs) from other States and is contemplating issuing an RFI for a Statewide network. Since your last meeting, the National Emergency Number Association has issued the NG911 Security Standards document. Although a major piece in the overall standards, there are still many pieces that have not been released, and the ESCCC is also monitoring this process closely.

The ESCCC is also responsible for updating the 9-1-1 Operating Standards. As this process is also taking considerable time, our next meeting will be devoted largely to public comment on possible amendments that we hope to bring to this Committee sometime this summer.

Thank you again for the invitation, and I would be glad to respond to any questions that the committee may have on this subject.
Emergency Services Communications System (9-1-1) Revenues & Expenditures

Based on Survey Compiled by the Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee

CY2009 Data - Compilation as of 3/10/2010

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**State Radio Dispatched Counties**

1. Adams county 69,039 14,952 17,646 169 27,170 74,636
2. Billings County 42,510 5,725 5,673 0 16,269 37,639
3. Bowman County 37,113 20,102 22,786 2,317 52,623 29,694
4. Burke County 85,965 8,335 11,876 11,607 60,685 57,097
5. Dickey County 110,236 31,320 35,086 5,928 83,439 99,130
6. Divide County 50,961 15,985 12,367 0 35,310 44,002
7. Emmons County 18,584 23,122 22,384 8,620 51,317 21,394
8. Foster County 215,692 20,126 26,435 0 55,935 206,319
9. Golden Valley County 46,582 11,435 10,808 565 25,857 43,533
10. Grant County 50,911 15,656 13,251 12,409 31,509 60,718
11. Griggs County 46,914 17,001 17,284 0 39,617 41,582
12. Hettinger County 24,038 14,911 11,467 2 28,099 22,319
13. Kidder County 20,339 15,288 17,143 2,788 28,156 27,402
14. LaMoure County 42,373 25,292 30,335 2,310 40,104 60,205
15. Logan County 26,258 11,766 13,785 431 23,761 28,479
16. McHenry County 264,619 31,189 51,370 0 58,302 288,876
17. McIntosh County 16,951 19,691 16,574 0 36,281 16,934
18. Ransom County 86,363 32,718 36,651 5,121 63,906 96,947
19. Sargent County 64,408 22,709 28,267 0 65,539 49,845
20. Sheridan County 11,758 9,135 9,322 190 23,775 6,630
21. Slope County 4,130 4,135 1,118 0 5,986 3,397
22. Wells County 83,219 47,345 31,029 17,400 90,840 88,152

23. State Radio County Total 1,418,962 417,936 442,657 69,857 944,480 1,404,932

**Other Single & Multi-Jurisdictional PSAPs**

a. Barnes/Valley City 137,849 63,414 81,747 170,989 306,065 147,935
b. Bismarck/Burleigh 883,752 399,168 657,077 799,567 2,001,227 738,336
c. Bottineau/Renville 308,959 61,556 85,372 91,164 261,337 285,714
d. Cavalier County 217,932 28,067 32,723 161,499 178,963 261,258
e. Grand Forks County 879,095 251,181 479,975 745,364 1,569,999 785,617
f. Lake Region E-911 (6 Counties) 48,039 217,534 252,380 6,151 507,210 16,895
g. McKenzie County 177,322 37,350 35,633 167,296 256,559 161,042
h. McLean County 54,543 48,985 64,677 147,555 260,426 55,333
i. Mercer/Oliver 107,965 111,812 80,047 327,829 611,094 16,559
j. Morton County 831,972 122,811 178,662 580,326 1,093,570 620,202
k. Mountrail County 161,642 43,251 62,095 262,557 347,972 181,753
l. Pembina County 81,184 52,025 68,231 118,882 246,787 73,534
m. Pierce County 75,387 26,046 29,986 128,647 216,310 43,756
n. Red River Regional Dispatch 596,283 642,513 1,267,416 791,915 2,886,302 411,825
o. Richland County 7,000 87,751 120,369 525,365 739,486 999
p. Sioux County/NCSD PSAP 38,260 19,447 12,674 0 31,266 39,114
q. Stark/Dunn 204,721 156,886 182,075 535,592 902,027 177,246
r. Steele/Traill 133,986 111,149 65,194 106,540 281,268 135,601
s. Stutsman County 204,492 107,113 139,703 243,608 470,678 224,238
t. Walsh County 263,898 64,663 86,540 270,437 410,964 274,574
u. Ward County 2,071,395 328,310 473,328 744,714 1,638,669 1,979,078
v. Williams/Williston 234,779 70,423 146,578 59,385 369,180 141,984

Other PSAPs Total 7,582,604 2,988,039 4,520,734 6,814,393 15,281,113 6,624,658
Grand Total 9,001,567 3,405,975 4,963,391 6,884,250 16,225,593 8,029,590

Verification of data for these two entities is still necessary *
NOTES REGARDING PLANS FOR FUND BALANCES

State Radio Dispatched Counties

5 Funds reserved for database and paging system

7 Any remaining balance will be expending on replacing, repairing and adding numerous road signs throughout the county. Little or no maintenance was conducted in 2009 due to other higher priorities by the county highway dept caused by the flooding last spring.

8 Contracts for GIS software pending.

9 In 2009, the county began transferring wireless fees into County 911 to help cover the annual expenses of the fund. 2009 was the first year where the total expenditures exceeded the total fees collected by the county ($3,049.93). The projected budget for 2010 also shows a deficit of about $7,000. The balances in the County 911 & Wireless funds will be used to offset the revenue shortfall due to the expected and unexpected increases in the costs of providing 911 services.

11 We have been trying to develop a plan to get our 911 address signs up. They will be put up this year in 2010.

12 Continue working on GIS

16 Maintain 911 signage and expenses for 911 coordinator

17 To continue paying all the bills and to replace signs as needed.

19 The continued rise in the NDSR fees is a concern it will deplete the fund at a faster pace than the revenues will be able to keep up. Continued changes in technology and meeting the needs of federal and state mandates as well as public expectations continue to cause a rise in technology costs. Mapping and continued signing is our projects that we are hoping to complete with funds as long as they are available. We are looking at local backup needs for service if we lose service thru NDSR due to weather or other unforeseen events. That may be a large cost.

23 This is not the full cost of the State Radio PSAP - it reflects State Radio and local 911 costs paid by the counties only.
Other Single & Multi-Jurisdictional PSAPs

b The jurisdiction is currently undertaking the implementation of a new mobile data and AVL system in 2010 and just refreshed all hardware and software for the CPE in 2009. Additional planning is ongoing with a regional interoperable radio communications system with some funding likely allocated to this project, with implementation in 2010. Short and longer term initiatives include transitioning the Center to an IP-enabled emergency network in conjunction with the statewide entity assigned the coordinating responsibility, as well as replacement of the existing CAD system at some point in the next 5-10 years. We anticipate a CAD/RMS/Mobile replacement at that time to exceed $1.5 million. We also anticipate a large initial financial burden in transitioning to an ESI-Net.

e Current fund balance to be used for relocation of the 911 Center and construction of a tower to enhance a new digital radio system.

f Update to our City Watch (Reverse 911 system) approximately 6,500.00. Balance will be used for operations.

g We need to replace our 9-1-1 controller and are saving for that.

h Fund balance to maintain and run the 911 Center / Operations.

j Equipment upgrades and maintenance; expansion

k All dispatchers paid out of Property Taxes from the General and OASIS Funds

l Upgrade to narrowband paging towers

m Funds will be used to help with costs of dispatchers and 9-1-1 signage.

n Expenditures include portions paid by Moorhead & Clay Co. MN

p Sioux County Share only of North Central PSAP - Mobridge SD

q To support CY 2010 911 budget, emergency (just in case) equipment purchases, next generation 911 implementation

s Balance being held for Next Generation 9-1-1 equipment and other system upgrades

t Reserve Funds are being held for implementing a future CAD program and also for unknown Next Generation 911 implementation.

u A 911 Budget Committee was formed to reallocate expenditures for 2010. In the past, a large portion of Minot Central Dispatch's budget was funded with Municipal and County funds. In 2010, this portion will be paid entirely with 911 funds, providing property tax relief. The committee will continue this process annually, until the balance is reduced to a point where this is no longer viable. (An equipment depreciation fund is included in this budget plan.)
Expenditures by Category
State Radio Dispatched Counties

Expenditures by Category
Non-State Radio Dispatched Jurisdictions
AGENDA
Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee

Thursday – February 18, 2010
Red River Room – State Capitol – Bismarck, ND

1:15 P.M.  1. Call to order/roll call
            Chairman, Jerry Bergquist
            (Introduction of Members & Guests in lieu of Roll Call)

2. Consideration of 10/16/2009 Meeting Minutes

3. Consideration of ESCCC Draft Charter

4. Brief review of Interim Legislative activities
   Mike Lynk
   Terry Traynor

5. Update on Wireless 911 Cost Renegotiation
   Russ Lindblom

6. Update on 911 Jurisdiction Surveys
   Terry Traynor

7. Presentation of Minnesota NG911 Efforts
   Jackie Mines
   MN 911 Coordinator

8. Discussion of next steps for NG911

9. Discussion of next meeting date/location/agenda

10. Adjourn

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AGENDA
Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee

Thursday – March 11, 2010
Red River Room – State Capitol – Bismarck, ND

1:15 P.M.  1. Call to order/roll call  Chairman, Jerry Bergquist
            (Introduction of Members & Guests in lieu of Roll Call)

2. Consideration of 02/18/2010 Meeting Minutes

3. Update on 911 Jurisdiction Surveys  Terry Traynor

4. Discussion of starting point for Standards Review

5. Presentation of StageNet status  Mike Ressler
   Glen Rutherford-ITD

6. Discussion of next steps for NG911

7. Discussion of next meeting date/location/agenda

8. Adjourn

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