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**Testimony to the Senate Utilities Committee  
In Support of SB384 Amendments to the 911 Act  
February 14, 2012**

Chairperson Apple and Committee Members,

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association are supportive of the amendments to the 911 Act passed last year which are proposed in SB384. We have reviewed the amendments as presented and all appear to be reasonable changes.

We are especially supportive of the clarification and changes to the terms of the appointees to the 911 Coordinating Council. This is an area we were concerned about last year but it kind of got lost in the debates about the major issues of the bill. This change will help minimize the loss of continuity when new members are appointed. This is not only a good change but a critical enhancement to the Act passed last year.

The changes in Section 3, subsection (c) of the bill are also sound changes. We believe this is a more appropriate way to distribute those funds described in this subsection. It is an important change in light of the fact the information to apply the method required in the Act passed last year is not available.

We have a few concerns we believe need clarification in the bill. All the concerns are based on the proposed amendments on page 7, lines 30-32.

1. The changes proposed in the bill need to be modified so the funds go to the PSAPs within each county. This is because some counties have multiple PSAPs and not all PSAPs have their funds flow through a county.
2. The wording needs to clearly state what accounts the recipients place these funds into and that they are used for the PSAP operations within the already established guidelines. Our experience tells us that as written the counties will simply dump the money into the general fund of the county.

We believe the amendments proposed in Walt Way's testimony addresses our first and second concerns listed above.

We urge the Committee to recommend SB 384 favorable for passage after consideration of any proposed amendments.

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