



STATUS REPORT
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E-911 Status Update
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Thank you, Chair Emler and Members of the Committee, for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to provide a status update on the local-collection side of the E-911 system. My role at the KAC involves working with the providers in processing their remittance data, ensuring it matches their payments, and determining how those payments are to be allocated amongst the various Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) across the state.

The 2006 calendar year had a high level of local collection remittance compared to previous cycles. Most of the wireless companies understand the data requirements now and routinely submit proper data for corresponding payments or fix faulty data in a timely manner. The 2006 billing period (monies collected from wireless customers for January 2006 through December 2006) brought in \$4,961,389.51 to the Local Collection Point Administrator (roughly \$413,000 per month). Of that amount, we successfully processed \$4,958,648.75, or 99.94%. These totals do not include back payments that processed during this time period, of which there were several (mostly from the 2005 billing period).

The July 2006 billing month marked the start of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider remittances to the Kansas E-911 system. It is difficult to say how overall VoIP provider compliance is going, as there is no official list to turn to for knowing which VoIP providers are operating in Kansas. Our information stems from the efforts of the Governor's Grants Program in identifying VoIP providers online that listed Kansas as a place of possible business. Currently, only one VoIP provider regularly complies with the law. Another VoIP provider was complying and then stopped sending money and data (no reason was given), another contacted us to state that they would not pay into the system (citing that they do not have an *interconnected* VoIP service under our definition, and thus not subject to the law), and another just paid for the first time in December 2006 and has not yet supplied compliant data. If some of the traditional wireless companies also offer VoIP services they may be complying in a way transparent to us (e.g., combining both VoIP and wireless payments on the same check). The VoIP provider monies for 2006 account for less than 1% of total monies received.

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