



9-1-1 SERVICES BOARD

REPORT ON AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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AUDIT SUMMARY

Our audit of the 9-1-1 Services Board (Board) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, found:

- proper recording and reporting of all transactions, in all material respects, in the Commonwealth's accounting and financial reporting system and the Board's financial system;
- no matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention; and
- no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations or other matters that are required to be reported.

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AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

The 9-1-1 Services Board (Board) consists of 15 members, of which the Governor appoints 12 members, and the Chief Information Officer, the Director of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and State Comptroller serve as ex-officio members. The Board's responsibilities include planning, promoting and assisting in the statewide development, deployment, and maintenance of enhanced wireless emergency telecommunications services and technologies. The Board also oversees and allocates the 9-1-1 special funds, including managing appropriations for enhanced wire-line emergency telecommunication services in local jurisdictions that currently do not have 9-1-1 capability. The Board employs fourteen staff to assist in managing grants awarded to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) as well as monitoring surcharge remittances submitted by Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers. The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) provides administrative support to the Board.

Collection of Surcharge Fees

The revenue in the 9-1-1 Fund (Fund) is generated by a monthly surcharge of \$0.75 assessed against each wireless telephone number in the Commonwealth. The Department of Taxation (Taxation) is responsible for the collection of the surcharge, which the CMRS providers remit with a monthly return. As is noted in Appendix B below, collections by Taxation in fiscal year 2016 totaled nearly \$58.0 million. The CMRS providers can retain three percent of the fee to cover their administrative costs. Upon collection, Taxation is responsible for distributing a portion of the Fund to PSAP operators and VITA on a monthly basis. PSAP operators receive 60 percent of total collections, less funds earmarked for distribution as directed in the Appropriations Act. Once the earmarked revenue is removed, it is transferred to VITA for further distribution to the appropriate agency. Taxation also transfers the remaining 40 percent of the Fund, less an administrative fee retained by Taxation, to the Board for CMRS capital reimbursements and the awarding of PSAP grants.

Distribution of Surcharge Fees

PSAP operators receive 60 percent of the Fund, which Taxation distributes monthly. PSAP operators are public safety dispatchers for fire, police, ambulance, and other local and state emergency services. Payments to PSAP operators are based on a distribution formula that uses the call load and PSAP provider cost information for fiscal years 2007 through 2012. On or before July 1, 2017, and every five years thereafter, the Department of Taxation will recalculate the distribution percentage for each PSAP based on the cost and call load data for the previous five fiscal years. Legislation was passed in the 2017 General Assembly session to postpone this deadline to July 1, 2018. Total distributions to PSAP operators were approximately \$27.4 million in fiscal year 2016, while total surcharge fees transferred to the Board by Tax totaled \$30.5 million for fiscal year 2016.

Additionally, the Board provides CMRS carriers with payments of up to 30 percent of the Fund. These payments cover the CMRS carriers' reasonable and direct capital costs and operating expenses incurred by a carrier required to provide 9-1-1 service. Carriers must submit to the Board, on or before December 31 of each year, their estimates of direct 9-1-1 costs they expect to incur during the next fiscal year. Although the Board may pay up to 30 percent of the Fund for this purpose, CMRS carriers rarely request the full amount of funding available each year. The Board issued approximately \$6.7 million of the Fund to CMRS carriers for these purposes during fiscal year 2016.

The Board awards the remaining ten percent of the Fund to PSAP operators through a grant program. The primary purpose of this program is to financially assist Virginia's primary PSAP operators with the purchase of equipment and services that support the continuity and enhancement of 9-1-1. Any Virginia primary PSAP operator that supports 9-1-1 is eligible to apply for and receive these funds, either as a stand-alone applicant or as part of a regional initiative or consolidation project. Grant awards cannot exceed the following:

- \$2,000 per primary PSAP for the 9-1-1 PSAP Education Program
- \$150,000 for an individual primary PSAP
- \$200,000 for a regional initiative involving two primary PSAPs
- \$225,000 for a regional initiative involving three primary PSAPs
- \$250,000 for a regional initiative involving four primary PSAPs
- \$275,000 for a regional initiative involving five or more primary PSAPs
- \$350,000 for a shared services project involving two PSAPs or a secondary physical consolidation of an already consolidated PSAP and an additional PSAP
- \$500,000 for an initial physical consolidation project, a shared services project involving three or more PSAPs, or a secondary physical consolidation of an already consolidated PSAP and two or more additional PSAPs

In addition to the annual ten percent allocation of the Fund to PSAP Grants, the Board allocates any unspent funds from the 30 percent CMRS cost recovery pool to the PSAP Grant Program. During fiscal year 2016, the Board paid \$7 million in PSAP grant expenses.

The Board made transfers during fiscal year 2016 as required by the Appropriation Act, to include \$3.7 million to the State Police to offset dispatcher operating costs; \$8 million to the Compensation Board to pass on to local law enforcement dispatchers; and \$1.75 million to support the Virginia Geographic Information Network for the development and use of spatial data.

The remaining CMRS fees fund the Board and staff expenses. Board members receive reimbursement for travel expenses, and staff make payments for services necessary to carry out their responsibilities. Other agency expenses include payroll expenses and contractual services.

The Schedule of Financial Position and Schedule of Activities for fiscal year 2016 is presented in Appendices A and C. The breakdown of the Fund's collection and distribution activity is presented in Appendix B.



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April 10, 2017

The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe
Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Robert D. Orrock, Sr.
Chairman, Joint Legislative Audit
and Review Commission

We have audited the financial records and operations of the **9-1-1 Services Board** for the year ended June 30, 2016. We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Audit Objectives

Our audit's primary objectives were to evaluate the accuracy of recorded financial transactions in the Commonwealth's accounting and financial reporting system and the Board's financial system, review the adequacy of the Board's internal controls, and test compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

Audit Scope and Methodology

The 9-1-1 Services Board's management has responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal control and complying with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control is a process designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

We gained an understanding of the overall internal controls, both automated and manual, sufficient to plan the audit. We considered significance and risk in determining the nature and extent of our audit procedures. Our review encompassed controls over the following significant cycles, classes of transactions, and account balances.

Contractual services expenses
Payroll expenses
Collections of revenue
Collections of accounts receivable
Grant awards and disbursements

We performed audit tests to determine whether the Board's controls were adequate, had been placed in operation, and were being followed. Our audit also included tests of compliance with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. Our audit procedures included inquiries of appropriate personnel, inspection of documents, records, and contracts, and observation of the Board's operations. We tested transactions and performed analytical procedures, including budgetary and trend analyses.

A nonstatistical sampling approach was used. Our samples were designed to support conclusions about our audit objectives. An appropriate sampling methodology was used to ensure the samples selected were representative of the population and provided sufficient, appropriate audit evidence. We identified specific attributes for testing each of the samples and when appropriate, we projected our results to the population.

Conclusions

We found that the Board properly stated, in all material respects, the amounts recorded and reported in the Commonwealth's accounting and financial reporting system and the Board's financial system. The Board records its financial transactions on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial information presented in this report came directly from the Board's financial system.

We noted no matters involving internal control and its operation that we consider necessary to be reported to management. The results of our tests of compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Exit Conference and Report Distribution

We discussed this report with management on April 20, 2017. This report is intended for the information and use of the Governor and General Assembly, management, and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is a public record.

AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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9-1-1 SERVICES BOARD

As of June 30, 2016

Jeffrey D. Stern
Chairman

David A. Von Moll
Treasurer

Richard Clark, Jr.
Danny Garrison
Dennis Hale
Kevin Hall
Diane Harding
Jim Junkins
Robert Layman

Jeffrey Merriman
Anthony McDowell
Jeffery Merriman
Lehew Miller, III
Nelson Moe
Kathleen Seay
Jolena Young

**9-1-1 SERVICES BOARD
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

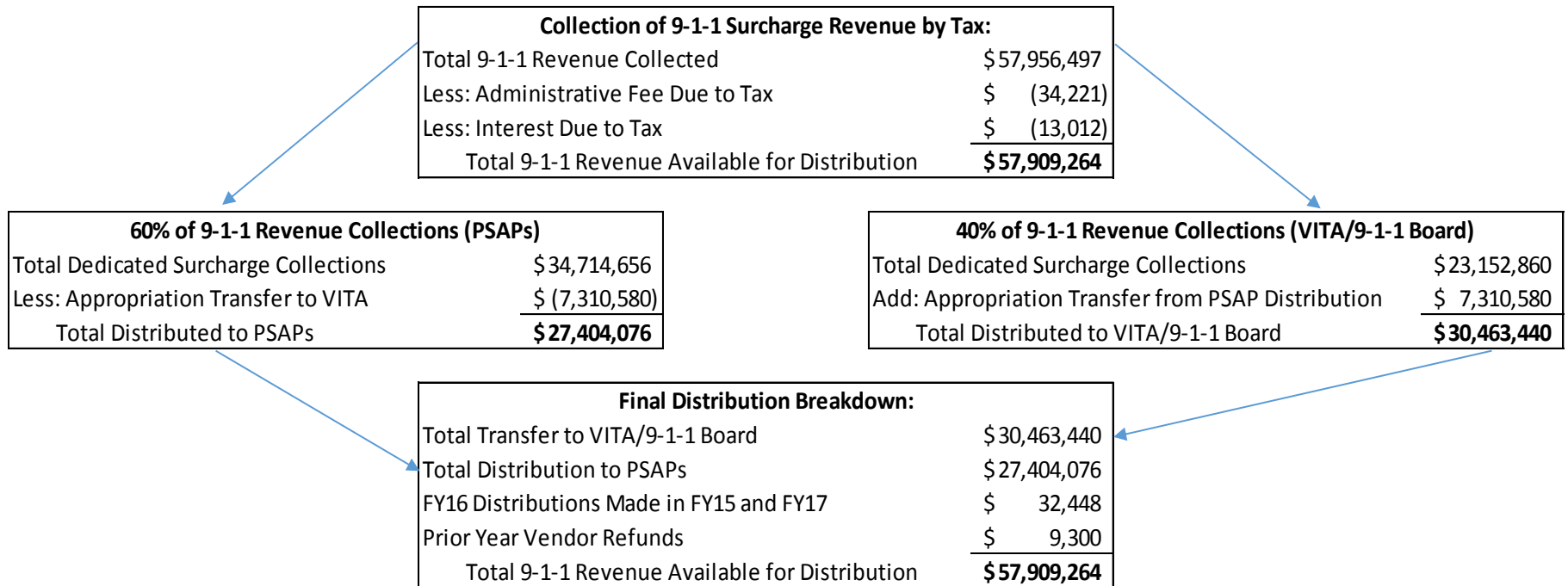
	For the Year Ending June 30, 2016	For the Year Ending June 30, 2015
Assets		
Cash with Treasurer of Virginia	\$15,243,563	\$13,619,957
Cash Equivalent with the Treasurer - Securities	96,955	-
Accounts receivable	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total assets	<u>17,840,518</u>	<u>16,119,957</u>
Obligations		
Accounts payable	443,605	635,543
Grant commitments (Note 1)	6,035,982	5,034,199
Capital reimbursement commitments (Note 2)	534,000	1,017,000
Accrued compensated absences	<u>135,975</u>	<u>123,407</u>
Total obligations	<u>7,149,562</u>	<u>6,810,149</u>
Net assets available	<u>\$10,690,956</u>	<u>\$9,309,808</u>

Source: The Board's financial system

Note 1: Grant commitments are reflected on the schedule to provide a more relevant indication of the financial position based on potential and likely obligations. The actual expenses may be less than total grant commitments when all final requests for distribution are submitted by the PSAPs.

Note 2: Capital reimbursement commitments are reflected on the schedule to provide a more relevant indication of the financial position based on potential and likely obligations. The actual expenses may be more or less than total capital reimbursement commitments when all final requests for reimbursement are submitted by the CMRS.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 9-1-1 COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITY



Source: The Commonwealth's accounting and financial reporting system

**9-1-1 SERVICES BOARD
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

	For the Year Ending June 30, 2016	For the Year Ending June 30, 2015
Operating revenues		
CMRS fees	<u>\$30,472,740</u>	<u>\$30,087,424</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>\$30,472,740</u>	<u>\$30,087,424</u>
Operating expenses		
Personal expenses	1,454,438	1,451,923
Contractual services	454,405	816,829
Supplies and materials	21,569	11,657
Rent, insurance and other related	40,627	2,815
Expendable equipment/improvements	8,008	675
CMRS capital reimbursements	6,727,332	8,007,190
PSAP grant expenses	<u>7,036,479</u>	<u>6,037,615</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>15,742,858</u>	<u>16,328,704</u>
Operating gain	14,729,882	13,758,720
Non -operating revenues (expenses)		
Interest	88,078	-
Securities lending expenses	<u>(812)</u>	<u>-</u>
Non-operating revenues, net	<u>87,266</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfers		
Transfers to other state agencies	<u>(13,450,000)</u>	<u>(13,450,000)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>1,367,148</u>	<u>308,720</u>
Total net assets available, July 1	<u>9,309,808</u>	<u>9,001,088</u>
FY15 retained earnings adjustment	<u>14,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net assets available, June 30	<u>\$10,690,956</u>	<u>\$ 9,309,808</u>

Source: The Board's financial system