



# Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs



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## MCAFC Position Statement on Designation of 911 PSAP for Milwaukee County

ICC Chair Bukiewicz:

The Milwaukee County Fire/EMS Chiefs feel that the current and likely future frequency of inter-agency interaction/mutual aid required to maintain safe and effective fire, rescue and emergency medical service levels in Milwaukee County drives the need for additional regionalized fire/ems dispatch centers in the County. Understanding that regionalized 911 PSAPs would be a major change for many communities in the County, the Milwaukee County Fire Chiefs do not want the current PSAP designation decision to be rushed. As a result, we recommend the following:

The Fire Chiefs recommend the ICC submit a written question to the State Office of Emergency Communications asking whether the Next Gen 911 Grant Program that is requiring a PSAP designation would allow the ICC to submit a grant request on behalf of multiple PSAPs to hire a consultant to assist the ICC in identifying the PSAP in Milwaukee County that is best suited to be designated as the Milwaukee County PSAP for purposes of the EOC Grant Program.

If the State OEC responds to the question in the affirmative, and if the grant application is approved, the County Fire Chief's recommend the scope of the consultant's report be to provide guidance on how the municipalities and Milwaukee County can best identify a single PSAP that can collectively leverage:

- Regional implementations of Next Gen 911/ESI.net
- A single, county-wide GIS Public Safety Map for PSAPs
- A governance system for ongoing operation of such a regionalized NextGen/ESI.net and public safety GIS that allows individual municipalities or current regionalized PSAPs to continue to provide service if so desired
- Identify opportunities for additional regionalization of PSAPs and fire/EMS dispatch in Milwaukee County

In 2016, the Wisconsin Policy Forum and Windborne Consulting completed a study that provided an initial report on several of the issues identified in the scope above, but in order to make the most effective decision regarding a designated PSAP, those studies now require update and additional study so the ICC can identify a designated PSAP and a general direction for 911 PSAPs and Dispatch in Milwaukee County moving into the future.

If the State EOC responds to the question in the negative, the County Fire Chiefs recommend the ICC consider independent funding of such a study and delaying a decision on designating a PSAP for Milwaukee County until the study can be completed and reviewed by the ICC.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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