

# TIMELINE

## *Reform of Alabama 9-1-1 Funding*

### Spring 2012

- April 3, 2012 – Alabama House of Representatives passes HB 89
- April 26, 2012 – Alabama Senate passes HB 89; House agrees to changes
- May 2012 – HB 89 signed into law (Act 2012-293) by Gov. Robert Bentley

### July 2012

- AAND elects recommended members Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board to represent Alabama Congressional Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7
- District and carrier representatives appointed to statewide board by Gov. Robert Bentley

### Aug. 14, 2012

Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board meets for first time:

- Elects board officers
- Discusses hiring outside entity to assist with data collection needed to recommend statewide fee for consideration by the Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee

### Sept. 11, 2012

Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board:

- Engages Auburn University Montgomery to conduct baseline funding study
- Establishes committee to work with AUM officials
- Discusses ANGEN and possible full-time office staff

### Oct. 19, 2013

Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board discusses emergency rules to create definitions needed to properly apply the flat, equal fee statewide

### Nov. 2, 2012

Deadline for emergency communication districts (ECDs) to provide information, as required by Act 2012-293, to the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts

### Nov. 16, 2012

Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board:

- Discusses information ECDs will provide AUM to establish baseline of funding for each district
- Continues discussion on new rules, including the methodology to be used to establish baseline for districts which increased rates after the new law took effect

### Dec. 3, 2012

Deadline for ECDs to provide information to AUM for the baseline funding study

**Dec. 21, 2012**

Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board receives report from Dr. Matthew Duke of AUM regarding progress on study, schedule to be completed

**Jan. 18, 2013**

Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board:

- Adopts permanent rules on methodology to determine lines subject to the new statewide fee, including service provided through new and emerging technology
- Receives report on failure of some ECDs to provide information by deadline
- Discusses offer by Alabama Emergency Management Agency to provide administrative assistance

**Feb. 19, 2013**

Organizational meeting of Permanent Legislative Oversight Commission:

- Discusses progress on statewide fee
- Hears report from Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board Chairman Roger Wilson

**Feb. 27, 2013**

Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board:

- Receives baseline funding study from AUM
- Adopts study as presented, including estimate that statewide fee be set at \$1.80 per line per month

**March 5, 2013**

Recommendation of \$1.80 per month per line fee presented to Permanent Legislative Oversight Commission

**March 15, 2013**

Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board:

- Discusses reaction to \$1.80 fee
- Discusses permanent rules on lines subject to statewide fee as well as exemptions from fee

**April 9, 2013**

Permanent Legislative Oversight Commission rejects \$1.80 fee by 6-3 vote and sets new fee of \$1.70 per line per month, based on new estimated line counts

**May 9, 2013**

Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board:

- Determines that \$6.5 million per year is sufficient to fund cost recovery expenses for carriers and directs excess revenue to be distributed among ECDs
- Sets, by unanimous vote, the new fee of \$1.60 per line per month based on the additional revenue available because of limit on cost recovery expenses.
- Agrees to seek resumes for executive director and receive them until June 14

### May 23, 2013

#### Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board:

- Approves search for office space
- Hires AUM to conduct both short- and long-term studies as required by law. The results of these studies are to be presented to Permanent Legislative Oversight Commission by Jan. 14, 2014
- Agrees to use the accounting firm that does the wireless board work on a month-to-month basis starting October 1, 2013, until the executive director gets accounting staff hired and in place

### June 26, 2013

#### Alabama Statewide 9-1-1 Board:

- Approves leasing office space at 104 North Jackson Street in Montgomery from the Association of County Commissions of Alabama
- Receives notification that all telephone providers have been advised by certified mail of new fee effective Oct. 1, 2013
- Receives assistance to the board from Charles Williams with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency as board continues to seek full-time executive director
- Receives report from the hiring committee on screening of all applicants for executive director and interviews scheduled for July 23, 2013

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