

(1) "County" means any of the 23 counties of Maryland and Baltimore City.

(2) "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of the State Treasury.

(3) "Board" means the Emergency Number Systems Board.

(4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the State Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

(5) "911 system" means a telephone service which meets the planning guidelines established pursuant to Section 204H-3 of this subtitle, and which automatically connects a person dialing the digits 911 to an established public safety answering point. 911 system includes equipment for connecting and outswitching 911 calls within a telephone central office, trunking facilities from the central office to a public safety answering point, and equipment to connect 911 calls to the appropriate public safety agency.

(6) "Public safety answering point" means a communications facility operated on a 24 hour basis which first receives 911 calls from persons in a 911 service area and which may, as appropriate, directly dispatch public safety services or extend, transfer, or relay 911 calls to appropriate public safety agencies.

(7) "Public safety agency" means a functional division of a public agency which provides fire fighting, police, medical, or other emergency services or a private entity which provides such services on a voluntary basis.

(8) "Enhancement" means any addition to a 911 system such as automatic number identification, automatic location identification, selective routing of calls, or other future technological advancements, as determined by the Board.

(9) "County plan" means a plan for a 911 system or enhanced 911 system or any amendment to the plan developed by a county or several counties together under the provisions of Sections 204H-3 and 204H-4 of this subtitle.

(10) "911 Trust Fund" means the [net proceeds of the fee proposed in] THE FUND ESTABLISHED BY Section 204H-5 of this subtitle.

(11) "Multicounty" means two or more counties which are contiguous.

(12) "911 FEE" MEANS THE FEE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 204H-5(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE ~~ON THE TELEPHONE--SUBSCRIBERS IN THIS STATE.~~