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Emergency Center Express

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Emergency 911 Getting Grants

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY — "These grants will indeed enhance our emergency telephone reporting system in order to ensure the best for our citizens' safety," said Senator Buono, D-Middlesex. "The Public Safety Answering Points system has helped our police force in order for them to get the needed telecommunication equipment so they can get to work as fast as possible."

The Enhanced 9-1-1 Grant has had three years of success throughout New Jersey. This program provided \$576,507.85 in Fiscal Year 2007 to the three townships in the 18th Legislative District. It will give the three townships not only new 9-1-1 telephone equipment, but Computer Aided Dispatch upgrade or replacements for the database links, Geographic Information System enhancements for the purpose of preparing for the implementation of the FCC wireless E9-1-1 requirements, and Records Management Systems.

"It is outstanding what this fund will do for our district's police departments," said Assemblyman Diegnan, D-Middlesex. "It will help the police force in organizing calls, and being able to tract the calls much faster and more efficiently."

What Does This Mean For You?

Many states have enhanced 9-1-1 grants available. With Senate Bills such as S. 428, the IP-Enabled Voice Communications and Public Safety Act of 2007 and S. 93, the 911 Modernization Act in Congress now, there will be federal grants available soon!

What do you use to prove your center's needs for financial aid in the form of grant or additional budget money for an upgrade or new equipment?

Bell Services West Will Help

If your PSAP is considering an upgrade, Bell Services West's [E9-1-1 Performance Benchmark Service](#) provides the metrics you can use for your request. Our engineers also



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provide analysis and recommendations to assist you in meeting criteria on the application for funds.

In less than a **week** and for as little as **\$500**, our [E9-1-1 Performance Benchmark Service](#) will provide you with a report card that will evaluate your PSAP needs and summarize trends.