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## **PSC Announces Additional Funding for Wireless Enhanced 911 Services in Wisconsin**

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) has taken yet another step in improving the quality of emergency services in Wisconsin. The PSC announced today that an additional \$4.5 million will be awarded to counties across the state to help implement wireless enhanced 911.

Last November, Governor Jim Doyle announced \$30 million to help counties install the equipment necessary to implement E-911 services. Since then, the counties have been working with the PSC in reviewing and updating their requests for reimbursement. Today's final decision completes this review and helps ensure that all of the counties who applied for funding receive a fair amount to implement the technology.

Wireless enhanced 911 enables emergency dispatchers to pinpoint exact locations where wireless calls are made. Without this technology, dispatchers must obtain the location of a wireless caller verbally. In many instances, callers cannot give their exact location because they are too sick, too injured or they simply do not know their exact location. Thirty-seven Wisconsin counties have already implemented enhanced 911 services and most have indicated how invaluable the service has been in responding to emergencies.

In 2004, the Wisconsin Legislature passed and Governor Jim Doyle signed legislation establishing the grant program which has helped cover costs to implement wireless 911. The Commission adopted rules to address which costs are eligible for reimbursement. Counties have since applied for funding and the public was invited to provide comments on each applicant's request. The Commission originally set grant amounts last year. Counties then had the opportunity to update their requests and the decision today ensures that all counties are treated equally for reimbursement.

Documents associated with wireless enhanced 911 can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Repository System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Repository System and enter docket 05-TR-104.

Following is a chart indicating the amount each county has been awarded as part of the E-911 grant program.

## SUMMARY OF COUNTY AWARDS

<u>County</u>	<u>New award</u>
Adams County	\$351,908.27
Ashland County	\$257,846.03
Barron County	\$416,887.38
Bayfield County	\$386,492.97
Brown County	\$761,514.89
Buffalo County	\$522,730.78
Burnett County	\$259,923.27
Calumet County	\$413,163.93
Chippewa County	\$428,573.50
Clark County	\$543,624.09
Columbia County	\$386,110.30
Crawford County	\$229,789.32
Dane County	\$867,864.05
Dodge County	\$1,163,874.99
Door County	\$153,227.13
Douglas County	\$384,583.86
Dunn County	\$798,290.66
Eau Claire County	\$1,155,381.26
Florence County	\$68,531.38
Fond du Lac County	\$664,440.07
Forest County	\$98,791.11
Grant County	\$211,929.11
Green County	\$316,807.50
Green Lake County	\$318,617.88
Iowa County	\$227,081.46
Jackson County	\$388,402.29
Jefferson County	\$285,275.78
Kenosha County	\$1,078,246.90
Kewaunee County	\$76,010.00
La Crosse County	\$590,546.96
Lafayette County	\$132,867.25
Langlade County	\$95,470.18
Lincoln County	\$452,891.68
Manitowoc County	\$658,582.75
Marathon County	\$262,950.85
Marinette County	\$466,337.36

Marquette County	\$161,924.31
Milwaukee County	\$5,059,087.13
Monroe County	\$453,657.16
Oconto County	\$334,023.22
Oneida County	\$476,899.83
Outagamie County	\$599,438.89
Ozaukee County	\$489,615.99
Pepin County	\$209,056.99
Pierce County	\$224,333.95
Polk County	\$907,777.99
Portage County	\$323,089.65
Price County	\$222,596.56
Racine County	\$417,409.91
Richland County	\$247,862.88
Rock County	\$1,103,562.68
Rusk County	\$150,526.31
Sauk County	\$436,405.94
Sawyer County	\$223,485.74
Shawano County	\$183,476.73
Sheboygan County	\$407,501.87
St. Croix County	\$253,074.87
Trempealeau County	\$1,123,518.98
Vernon County	\$536,832.83
Vilas County	\$401,433.47
Walworth County	\$397,476.20
Washburn County	\$254,440.02
Washington County	\$449,410.68
Waukesha County	\$1,455,477.56
Waupaca County	\$152,633.59
Waushara County	\$274,306.94
Winnebago County	\$621,873.46
Wood County	\$270,438.54