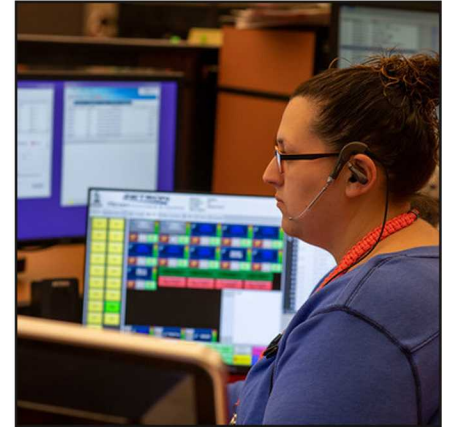




## PROPOSITION 2 FOR KITSAP 911 AND EMERGENCY RESPONDER COMMUNICATIONS

Kitsap 911 is the countywide emergency communications and dispatch center for all local fire service, law enforcement, emergency medical services, animal control agencies, and the coroner. Kitsap 911 provides these services to all of the cities, fire districts and unincorporated areas of Kitsap County.

Proposition 2 seeks voter approval on the November 2, 2021 ballot to add 1 cent on a 10 dollar (or \$0.01 on \$10.00) taxable purchase to the sales tax for Kitsap 911's emergency communications systems and facilities.



## PROPOSITION 2 TO REPLACE AGING 911 SYSTEMS AND SUPPORT OPERATIONS



Kitsap County's current 911 communications system was new in 1998, and is now decades old. It doesn't provide reliable coverage for parts of the county that have grown dramatically since the system's original design, and can't keep up with the increased radio communications as agencies get busier with increased population.

The system is close to obsolete and soon will no longer be supported by its manufacturer. These communications are the vital link that brings help to citizens and responders alike. Simply put, it is time to replace Kitsap 911's analog public safety radio system.

If approved, Proposition 2 will cost the average taxpayer about \$16 per year.

## PROPOSITION 2 FOR JUST ONE CENT PER TEN DOLLAR TAXABLE PURCHASE

The projected cost of a new and improved digital radio system is many times more than the annual budget of Kitsap 911, and state law provides very few options to fund this kind of effort.

Approval of Proposition 2 will provide funding for the \$41 million project to modernize the entire emergency radio system including equipment on the county's many radio towers, mobile computer terminals, and radios used by first responders in the field across the county, as well as the computer-aided dispatch equipment and software used at Kitsap 911. It will also provide for on-going operations and maintenance costs into the future – all, for just one penny per ten dollar taxable purchase.

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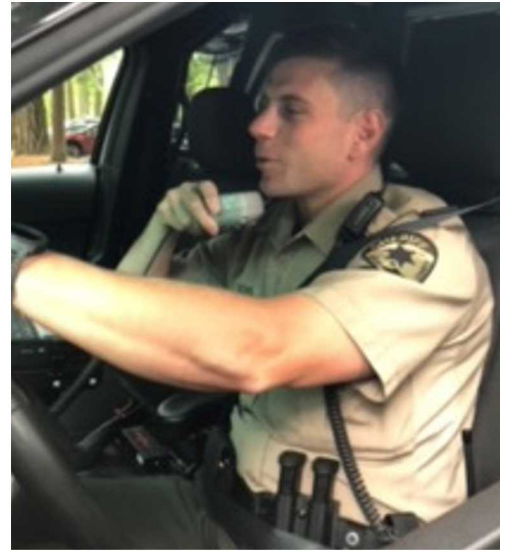


## WHAT DOES KITSAP 911 DO?

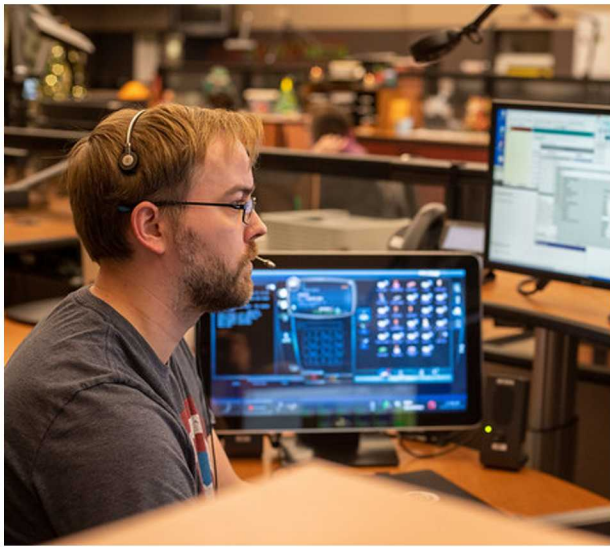
Kitsap 911 answers all 911 calls from the public, dispatches the appropriate resources, as well as owns and maintains the public safety radio system that's used by firefighters, emergency medical personnel and law enforcement when responding to emergencies.

The agency operates every day around the clock, with 80 public safety telecommunicators and support employees who provide computer and radio system technical services and administrative support.

Kitsap 911 handles an average of 300,000 calls every year.



## HOW IS KITSAP 911 FUNDED?



Kitsap 911 is not a part of Kitsap County government.

Funding sources for 911 services and public safety communications are:

- Sales Tax -- 48% of Kitsap 911's annual operating budget comes from an existing 1/10 of 1% (0.1%) sales and use tax.
- Telephone Excise Tax -- 22% of the agency's budget is provided by the telephone excise tax.
- User Fees -- 22% of the budget is composed of user fees from the emergency services agencies dispatched by Kitsap 911.
- Other Fees -- 8% comes from other sources such as co-location leases on radio towers.

Except in the form of agency user fees, Kitsap 911 receives no on-going financial support from federal, state or local governments.

## WHO RUNS KITSAP 911?

Kitsap 911 is governed by a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee that's composed of elected officials from the cities, the fire districts, and the county. A board of system users, made up of fire chiefs, police chiefs, and tribal police representatives, provides input to Kitsap 911 management.



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