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Subject: Written Agreements for 911 Funding and Service Provision

The South Dakota 911 Coordination Board has become aware that not all local governments currently have written agreements regarding 911 funding and the provision of 911 services. This issue arises in situations in which a local government receives 911 funding by way of surcharges, but another entity provides the 911 services.

The Board encourages local governments to create and submit joint powers agreements to the Board for review in advance of implementing such agreements.

The Board will review joint powers agreements to ensure such agreements conform with SDCL 34-45, ARSD 50:02:04, applicable federal law governing the use of 911 funds, and align with the Board's priorities and policies.

Local governments may wish to consult with their City Attorney or State's Attorney to discuss this further. Written agreements and/or joint powers agreements will help eliminate any disputes regarding the provision of 911 services and payment for those services between agencies.

Sincerely,

Kelly Serr

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