



Emergency Communications Board
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Polk County Board of County Commissioners
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Dear Polk County Board of County Commissioners:

The Florida Emergency Communications Board voted on January 24, 2024, to approve a special disbursement to each county from the interest earned in the Emergency Communications Trust Fund account. Fiscally constrained counties, as defined by S. 218.67(1), Florida Statutes, and the Florida Department of Revenue, will receive a special disbursement of \$100,000.00. The remaining counties will receive a special disbursement of \$50,000.00.

Polk County is not currently classified as fiscally constrained. Therefore, Polk County will receive \$50,000.00.

The Emergency Communications Board has recognized the need for all counties to enhance their cybersecurity capabilities as they transition to next generation, IP-based 911 systems. These funds may only be utilized for enhancing cybersecurity at Florida 911 primary and secondary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in accordance with Florida Statutes 365.172 (10).

If a county chooses to utilize the funds for any other 911 eligible funding purpose, the Emergency Communications Board is requesting detailed information on the utilization of the funds and how the identified project will assist your county in transitioning to NG-911 in the future.

Please contact the statewide 911 Coordinator, Mr. Leon Simmonds, at (850) 921-0041 or Leon.Simmonds@dms.fl.gov if you have any questions concerning this disbursement.

Sincerely,

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Denise Adkins, Director
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