

Regarding map that is posted separately:

Map is 11x17

Text below serves as a legend

MAP LEGEND

The boxes are regional dispatch sites colored to correspond to towns served by each

The officer icons without boxes are municipals that just do their own dispatch.

The red phone handsets are the six state funded PSAPS

Williston VSP

Westminster VSP

Hartford

St. Albans

Lamoille Sheriff

Shelburne

The grey areas are now dispatched by State Police but the VSP are trying to shed those dependencies.

There is one new Hampshire regional serving a few town east of St.Johnsbury that is not yet displayed

You can see my concept that if CapWest and St Johnsbury allied, they would be about a fifth of the land area and may be able to access almost \$10M of the \$51M provided they were willing to take on the cellular in-fill obligations and serve as fail-over to each other.

PSAPS now fail one to many but they don't necessarily need radio transmission, just call transfers. It's possible to design the entire state radio dispatch capacity to fail any to any but that is very costly, complex and politically impossible at this point.

If we set standards, build incrementally with equipment designed to work that way, someday we would achieve that. In the interim, regional pairings for fail-over should be our strategy.

Setting state standards and rules only work if the money is coming with the mandate.

Funding is key as towns cannot support dispatch, replacement radios/maintenance

Related, E911 should not move to General Fund,

If we leave it in the USF, remove other drains on the USF, we may be unchallenged by the Feds extending our 2.4% USF charge to include broadband.

This might generate enough to pay for most of dispatch too from the state level. Again, common standards, rules and protocols. That would help recruit workforce, better pay and job portability.

Then we complete the long overdue task of remodeling the Telephone Personal Property Tax and implement, or more accurately ENFORCE the existing statutory fee required for broadband providers for use of the right of way. These combined would pay for whatever services we

kicked out of the USF, plus some for PEG access, and VIT 2.0 Statewide videoconferencing platform.

This framework is well researched and don't get me started on why your Finance and W&M committees have not resolved it in several years. It's tied to telecom governance reform too so Jeanette. But lacking Tim to play chess,....

The governor has learned about the loophole in the Internet Tax Freedom Act which may be why he want to move 911 to GF, to foreclose that avenue and prevent the tax on broadband despite the tax on Telephone services and infrastructure drying up.