Innovate to Illuminate: TEXAS 9-1-1 CENTER'S TRAILBLAZING RTT JOURNEY

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Historical Review

- 1990 US Americans with Disabilities Act
- 1997 FCC 94-102 Rules regarding 911 calls & wireless carriers
- ▶ 1997 CTIA / ATIS Wireless E911/TTY Forum: TTY access to

9-1-1 over digital wireless systems

- 2015 FCC adopts SMS Text to 9-1-1 rules
- 2016 FCC adopts RTT Rules & establishes Text Registry
- 2021 FCC expands Registry to include RTT





NENA PSAP Logistics Committee – RTT Work Group established

Co-Chairs: Toni Dunne, ENP, and Sandra Dyre, ENP

Developed the <u>PSAP Guidelines for RTT Readiness Information Document</u>

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- www.nena.org/rtt-doc
- www.nena.org/page/standards

Overview & Text Differences

Торіс	ТТҮ	SMS Text-to-911	Native Real-Time Text
Latency	Real-Time over Voice Network	Store and Forward Control Signal/Channel Service	Real Time over Voice Network
Connectivity	Originating Service Provider to SR or LNG	TCC to SR, TCC to ESInet/NGCS or TCC to PSAP	Originating Service Provider to ESInet/NGCS, ESInet/NGCS to the PSAP
Routing	Same as Voice calls	By TCC using cell or Commercial Location Based Services	Same as any NG call
Protocol	TTY/Baudot (TIA-825a) over standard voice call	Delivery mechanisms from TCC Provider: •Convert to TTY •Web Interface (HTTPS) •MSRP	Delivery Mechanism from NG911 SSP via RTT/RTP (RFC 4103)
Character Set	Limited Character Set	Full Character Set	Full Character Set

PSAP Deployment Tasks

Identifies tasks and responsibilities for the introduction of RTT to 9-1-1 for PSAPs deploying NENA i3 compliant systems.

Owners of a task (O)

Involved (I) with the completion of the task. Those entities are the CMSP, the NGCS provider, the PSAP or 9-1-1 Authority and the CHE Provider (combined under "PSAP" in the table).

Table 3: Real-Time Text (RTT) PSAP Deployment Tasks

	RESPONSIBILITY					
TASK DESCRIPTION	CMSP	NGCS PROVIDER	PSAP			
1 - Initial Service Request						
1.1 - PSAP request for service	I	I	0			
1.2 - CMSP acknowledgement of service request	0	I	I			
1.3 - CMSP sends questionnaire to PSAP	0		I			
1.4 - PSAP completes questionnaire	I		0			
2 - Project Kick-Off						
2.1 - Confirm details from questionnaire	0		I			
2.2 - Obtain PSAP Admin Contact	0		I			
2.3 - Obtain NGCS provider contact	0	I				
2.4 - Obtain PSAP/NGCS provider boundaries	0	I	I			
3 – Training						
3.1 - System Admin training			0			
3.2 - Public Safety Telecommunicator (PST) training			0			
4 – Wireless Service Provider (drive) Testing						
4.1 - Pre-production testing	0	I	I			
4.2 - Provide PSAP Readiness / Test Plan	0	I	I			
4.3 - Network cutover	0	I	I			
4.4 - Schedule and Complete RTT Test Cases	I	I	0			
4.5 - PSAP signs off on completed Test Cases			0			
5 – Deployment						
5 1 - Carrier sends "Live" notification to PSAP	0	I	I			
5.2 - Public Announcement / Public Education		•	0			
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NCT9-1-1 – The RTT Journey

- 40+ PSAPs/ECCs (9-1-1 Centers)
- Self-Maintained
- Pilot(s) in Lab Environment
- Worked with T-Mobile and Solacom through extensive testing
- Implemented RTT to RTT in Hood County SO in August, 2022

Why is RTT Deployment Important?

- ► This is NOT MY problem!
- RTT is here!
- ► This is MY PROBLEM!



- RTT to TTY Conversion has limitations and potentially liability
 - Not able to identify RTT calls, silent calls, garble, ADA, lack of caller education
- Requires Coordination, Planning and Budgeting (contracts)
- Pushing the Vendors/Market to Offer RTT to RTT
 - CHE and Network providers
 - Work out issues on the fly during testing with partners

Carriers Deliver RTT Calls via TDD TODAY!

- **T-Mobile** RTT calls will be received as a <u>normal wireless 9-1-1 call</u>.
- Verizon Wireless RTT calls will be received as a normal wireless 9-1-1 call AND they will send 3 Baudot characters upon call answer which will <u>trigger</u> any TDD auto-detection you have in place.
- **AT&T Wireless** RTT calls <u>will be received as a nomadic VoIP call</u>, meaning the address provided will be an address input by the caller which may or may not be where the caller or the emergency is located. No rebid, lat/long, confidence and uncertainty factors may be irrelevant/meaningless.

<u>RTT calls will not have a unique Class of Service</u> (COS) and may also be received as VoIP (Voice over IP), VMBL (VoIP Mobile), VNOM (VoIP Nomadic) or Wireless (WRLS).

Benefits of RTT to RTT in 9-1-1

- RTT has both a voice and data path so 9-1-1 TC's can hear background noise.
- RTT eliminates the need to purchase specialized devices, such as TDD/TTY machines.
- Both parties can simultaneously send and receive text.
- RTT utilizes the full international character set, unlike TDD/TTY, which does not allow symbols, emojis and other language characters.
- Eliminates limitations of TTY conversion.

First Steps of Implementation of RTT – Even Before the Technology!

Testing in the PSAPs

- Recognition of RTT call
- Data only no background noise
- Garble
- Transferring calls
- Expectation of the public/caller

Educating or Training the PSAPs

- History of RTT
- Current state and limitations of RTT to TTY
- Benefits of RTT to RTT for 9-1-1
- Hands on RTT demonstrations were provided to the PSAP during training and testing



Before Requesting RTT

Must have NG911 Must work with Call Handling Equipment Provider Must work with Network or NGCS Provider

RFP/Contract Requirements

- 6 Months to Comply
- Voice and Data Path
- Character by Character Messaging
 - As Opposed to Store and Forward (SMS)
- Identifying an RTT Call
 - Indication for TCs to easily see an RTT call
- Automated Initial Message
 - Call similar to Text to 9-1-1 or TTY
- Canned Message Availability
 - Quick option to typing
- Logging of Deleted Messages
 - May be needed for court

AGREEMENT CONTRACT

Requesting RTT in the United States

Preparing Request Letters for Wireless Providers

- Can send to all carriers or one at a time
- ▶ 9-1-1 entities can start with a request for a single PSAP or County as a pilot to conduct testing and reduce risk.
- Wireless provider has 6 months to meet your request (you might have roadblocks on your end that extends that clock)

You and wireless provider should be partners in making this new technology work

Lessons Learned

- RTT Implementation is a Slow Process (started in 2017)
 - So many items on the readiness checklist
 - Testing and documentation with each step forward
- RTT Implementation can be Expensive
 - Put requirements into all new contracts for CHE and NGCS
 - Budget for RTT
 - Encourage your vendors to start preparing for RTT-to-RTT implementation
- Need Point of Interconnection (POI)
 - ► Time and money



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Call Handling Equipment

- RTT Network Interface
- Security Considerations
- RTT within the PSAP call-flow
- RTT User Interface
 - Simultaneous Voice and Data (characters)
- MIS Considerations
- Call History
- Refining Initial Design
- Differences Between Android and Apple Devices

RTT Administration – Send Immediately

Release 20.1

RTT IMMEDIATE SENDING

Real-Time Text interface has been enhanced from original design to provide PSAPs the option to send the characters delayed or immediately to the caller.





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T-Mobile

- RTT to TTY with gateways
 - 2G Slow
 - Voice or Text (Half Duplex)
 - TTY No Habla Español
 - Must take turns typing (TTY Etiquette)
 - I've never even seen a TTY call what is that?
 - Limited character set
 - Garble, Garble, Garble

NG911 RTT to RTT without gateways

- 5G Fast
- Simultaneous Voice and Text (Full Duplex)
- RTT Habla Español
- Conversational text
- Easy even for first time users
- Full character set and more
- High Fidelity

Bottom line . . .

RTT to RTT delivers greater communication access for callers and public safety

Both PSAPs and 911 callers benefit from this technology

NG911 RTT - Requirements

RTT functionality with full duplex (simultaneous) mode requires the following components in the call path to be available and <u>interoperable</u>

- 1. RTT-capable Devices
- 2. Seamless IP-Based multimedia connectivity from callers to NG911 networks (ESINets)
- 3. IP-Based multimedia connectivity NG911 networks (ESINets) to NG PSAPs
- 4. RTT functionality within the NG PSAP's Call Handling Equipment



If any of these components are not available, the RTT call will be processed as a TTY call.

T-Mobile – RTT Ready

Established Interconnection

 6 Next Generation Core Service (NGCS) systems across 11 unique NG911 implementations foundation for future

2023+ Roadmap

- State of Arizona Completed
- State of North Carolina Completed
- State of North Dakota Completed
- State of California Currently in process
- State of Nebraska Currently in process
- State of Pennsylvania Currently in process
- Additional jurisdictions in South Carolina, Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, Maryland, Wisconsin, Florida, Virginia and Texas – Currently in process
- States of Vermont, Connecticut, Maine and Kansas - 2024
- New York City 2024

1,261 PSAPs in **27** States Migrated to SIP Interconnections



SIP Status <a>2023 In Process <a>Completed

RTT Case Study: Concept Proven

- RTT Implementation is a process
 - Education/Training
 - Readiness checklist
 - Vendor/Carrier partnerships
 - Testing
 - Development of SOPs and Public Education strategy

Will YOU Be Next???



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