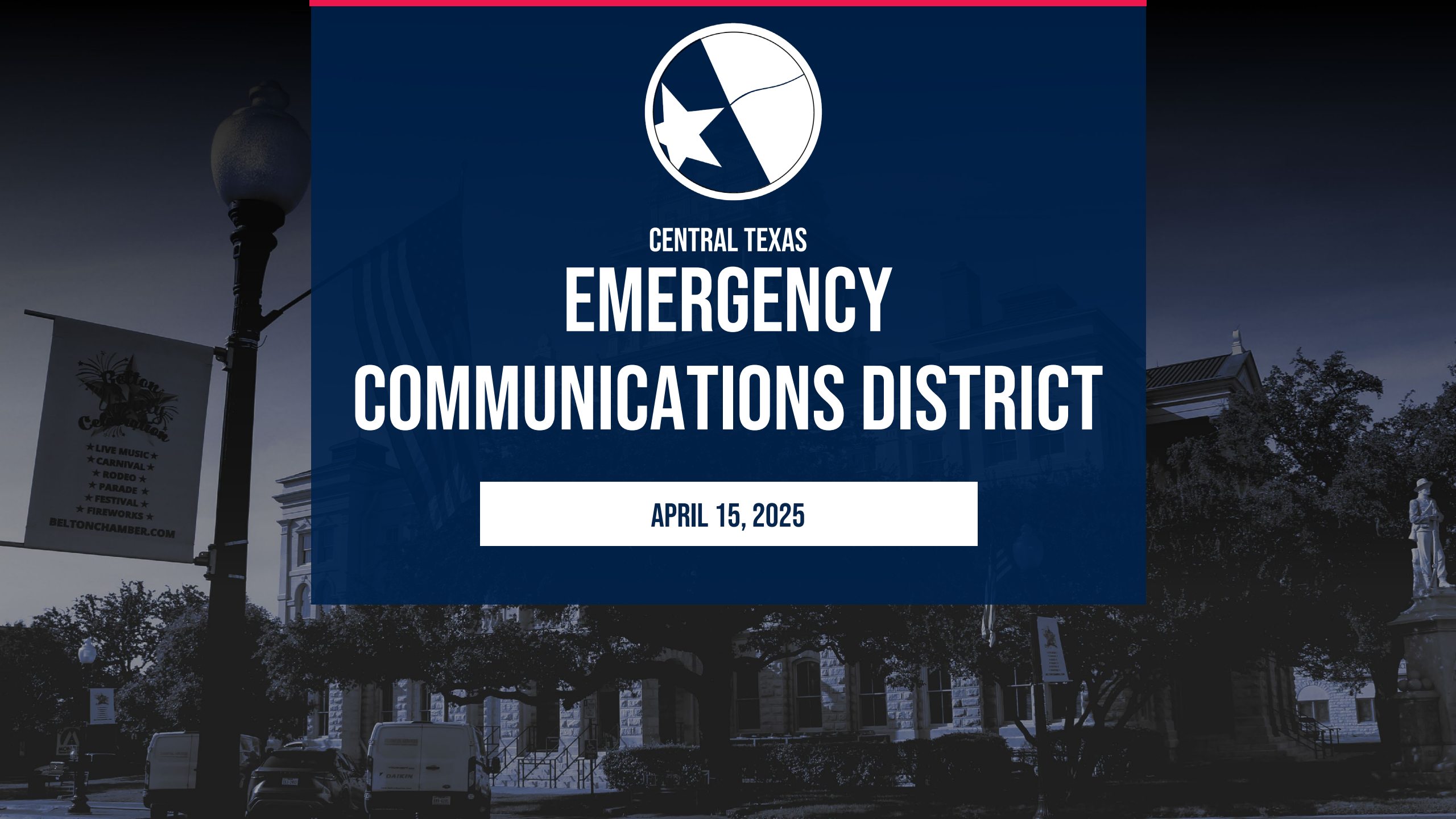
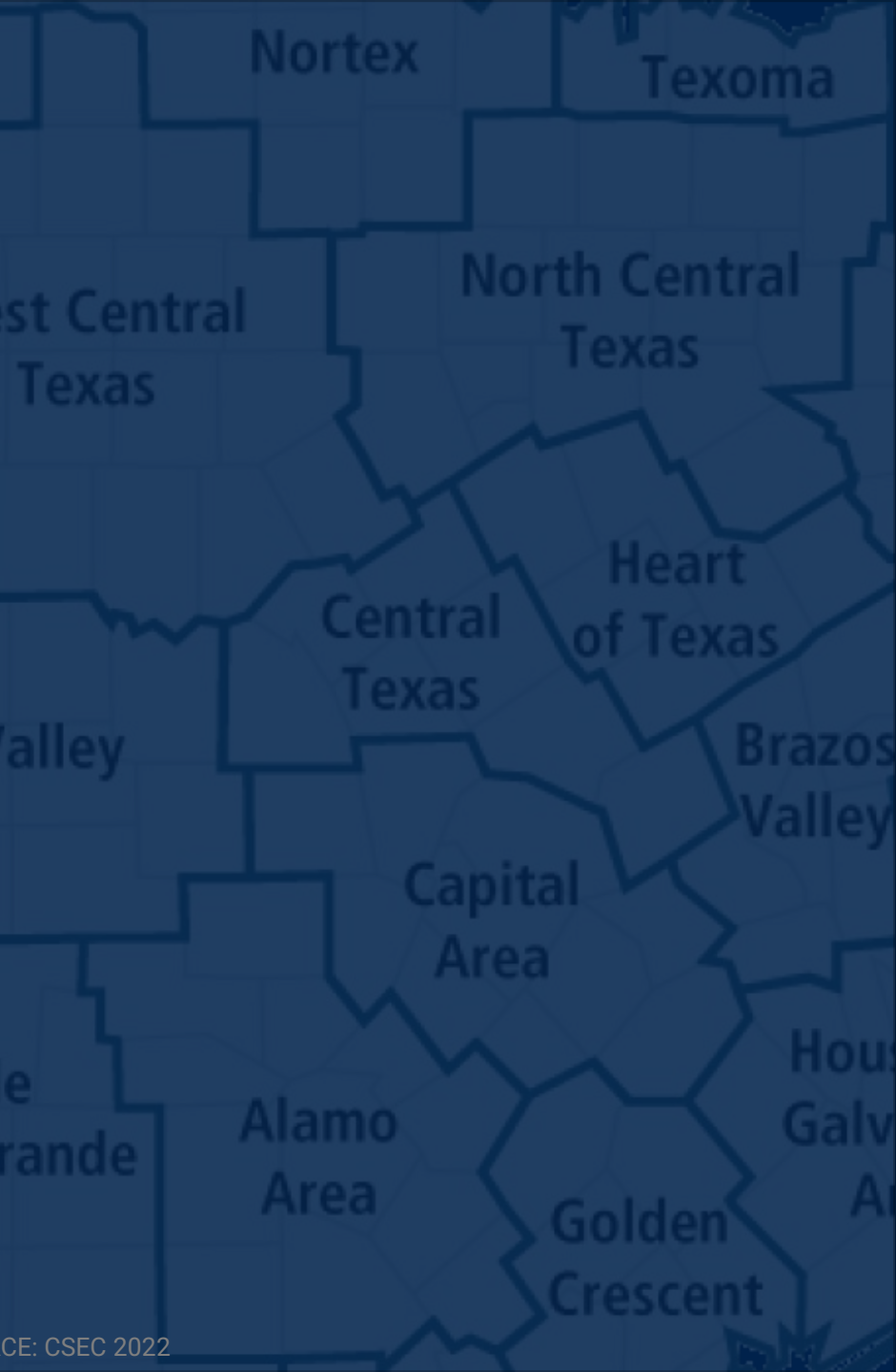


CENTRAL TEXAS
**EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**

APRIL 15, 2025





What is an emergency communications district?

An Emergency Communication District or ECD is a designated geographic area that is responsible for managing and maintaining the infrastructure and technology needed to operate a 9-1-1 emergency communication system within its boundaries, including the network, mapping systems, and dispatch consoles, ensuring efficient emergency response by coordinating communication between the public and emergency services like police, fire, and EMS.

27 ECD's in Texas

KEY POINTS



Function

Primarily focused on managing the technical aspects of the 9-1-1 system, not directly responding to emergencies.



Responsibilities

Maintaining the 9-1-1 network, managing address databases, providing mapping data, and ensuring system upgrades and maintenance.

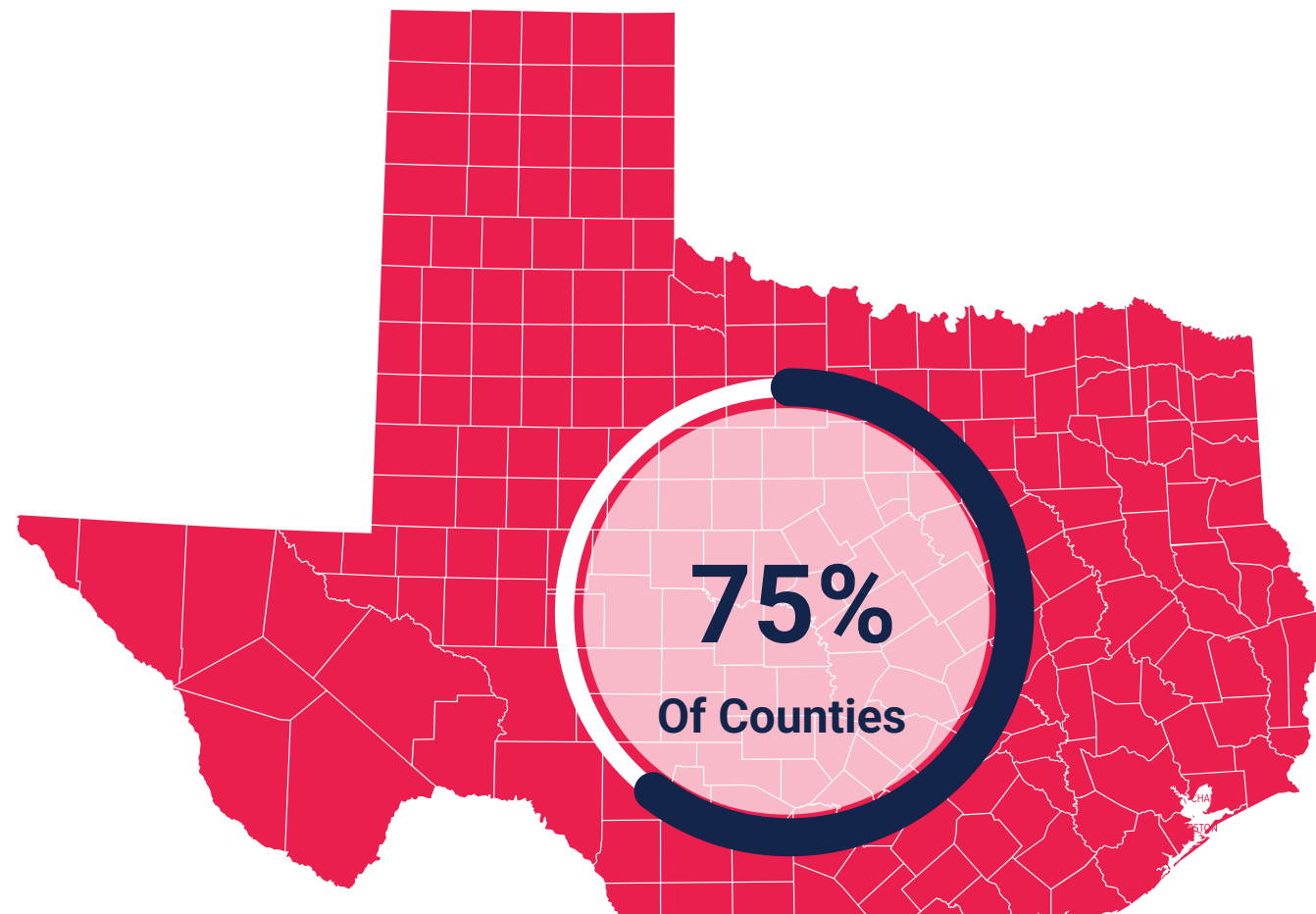


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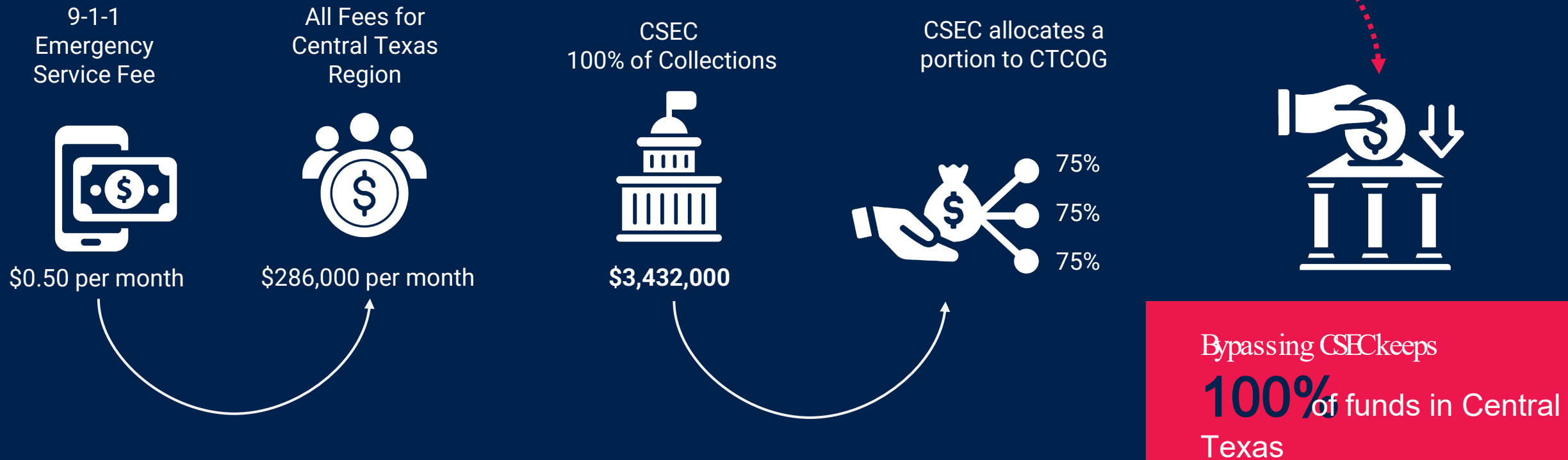
Usually governed by a board representing local jurisdictions within the district.

Commission on State Emergency Communications

The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) in Texas serves 191 of the state's 254 counties. The CSEC's 911 system covers about 15% of the state's population and 80% of its land.



Emergency service fee allocation over view



9-1-1 DISTRICT

Primary Driving Factors:



Local Control

All funds are collected and kept in Central Texas for local use, instead of being at the discretion of the state.



More Stable Funding

100% of funds are collected, kept, and used in Central Texas. Additionally, all funds will not be subject to changes in state leadership, directives, or budgets.



More flexibility

By creating a local district, we have more funds and discretion to spend on infrastructure & equipment as needed now or in the future.



Transition plan is
Being developed for
Implementation in
March 2025

Transition Timeline

- Presentations/resolutions
- Memorandum of understanding (ct cog/csec)
- By-laws ratification
- Telecom pay agreement
- Use of revenue declaration **July 2025**
- Comptroller agreement
- 🎯 **Target Date: August 2025**

Benefits of becoming a district

- Local Control
- Greater Control
- No change in current fee or experience for end user
- No effect on taxes



HOW is an emergency communications district formed?

- Resolutions passed by every entity operating a 911 answering point.
- Once the final resolution is passed, the ECD is formed.



Differences between communication & Service Districts



Emergency Communications District

Manages the 911 system, infrastructure and equipment for emergency call dispatching within a geographic region.

FUNCTION

focuses on receiving and routing emergency calls

SCOPE

Manages the 911 Communication System for the entire region.

FUNDING

Dependent on phone fees (non-tax) collected and dispensed by the State.

Emergency Service District

A local government entity responsible for providing emergency services like fire protection and ambulance services to a designated region, usually established through a public vote.

delivers the actual emergency response services like fire fighting or ambulance transport.

Even though it may operate within the same geographic region, it may only provide services to a part of the communications district.

Typically funded through the tax dollars from the municipality or county it supports.

How is an emergency communications district funded?

Funding

- The ECD would be funded exactly as it is today, through 911 Service Fees.
- The current Service Fee of \$.50/line would **NOT** be raised.
- Funds are used to operate the 911 system, database, update maps, and replace equipment.

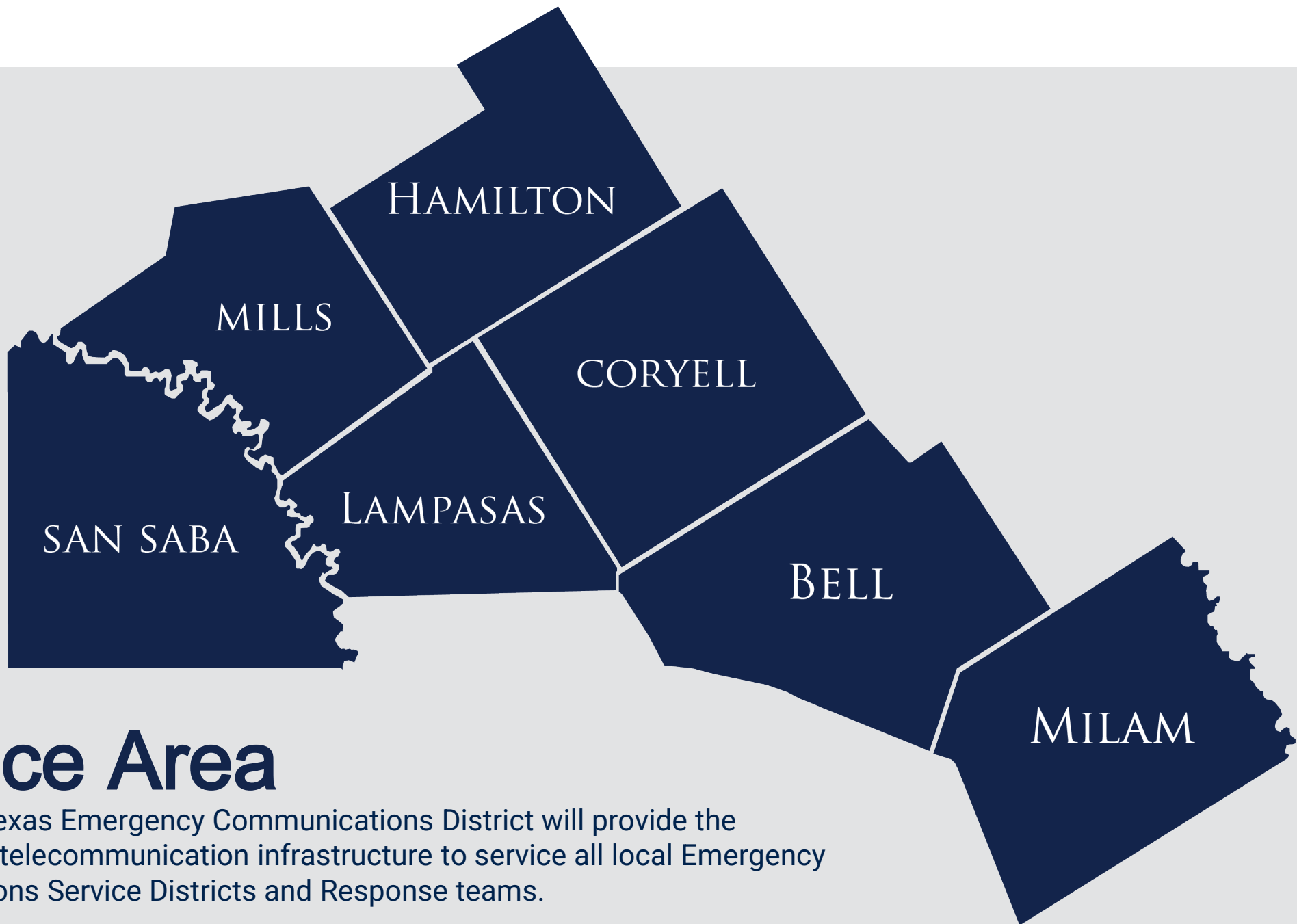


Key takeaway

The public will see NO change in the amount or in how fees are paid.

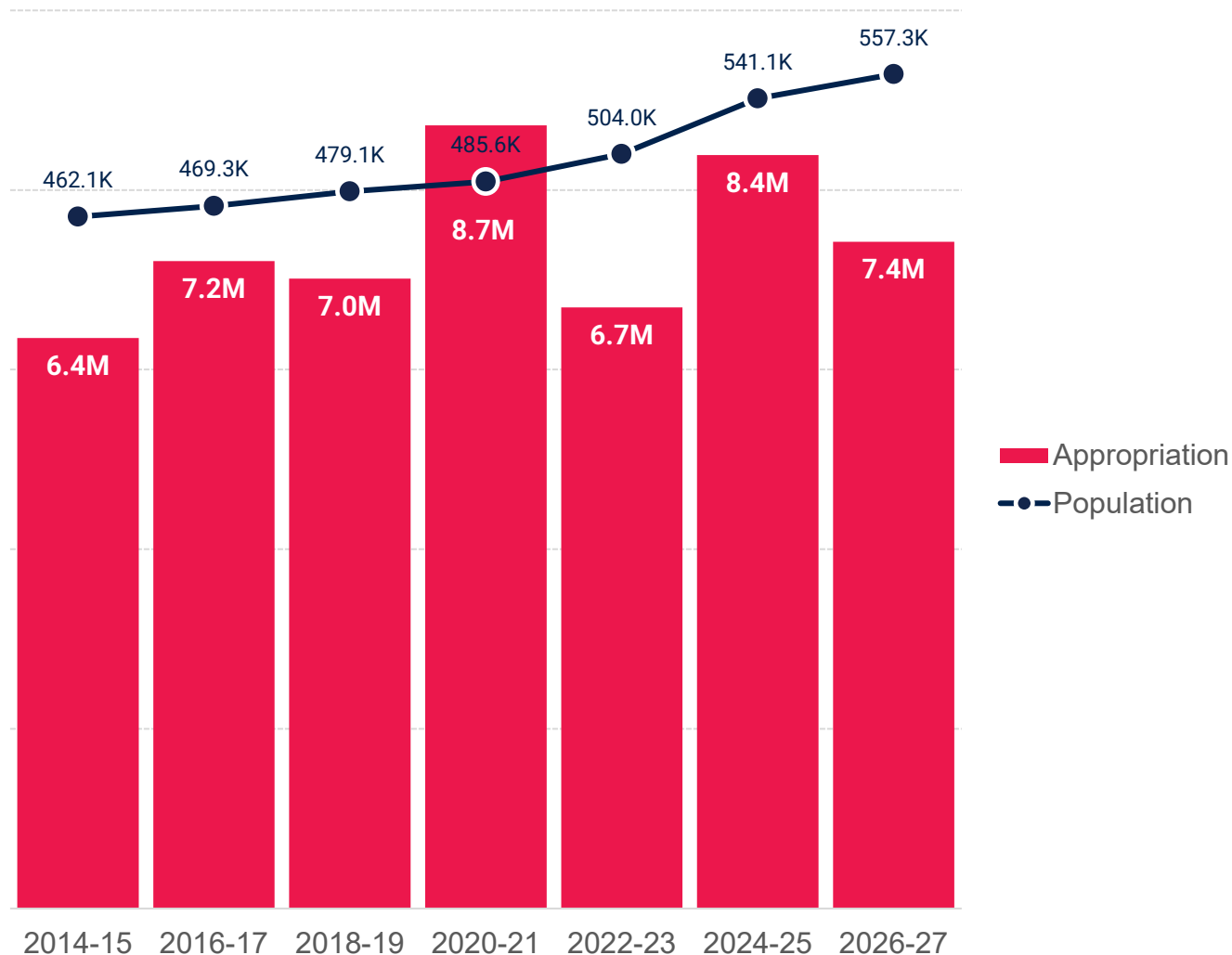
Introducing

The Central Texas Emerge Communications district



Service Area

The Central Texas Emergency Communications District will provide the technical and telecommunication infrastructure to service all local Emergency Communications Service Districts and Response teams.



7.4M The Appropriation estimate for 2026-27 biennium

1.2M The 24-25 Biennium included a one-time allotment 1.2M for equipment replacement.

Funding projections

2026-27 funding is projected to be 7.4M. This is on par to 2024-25, when we account for the 1.2M in equipment replacement funds. Additionally, 2020-21 was an anomaly due to the withdrawal of NCT. This led to an increase in funding as their allocation was distributed across the remaining participants.

central Texas emergency communications district

Future State

- The Central Texas Emergency Communications District will be its own operating entity, within and under the direction of the CTCOG.



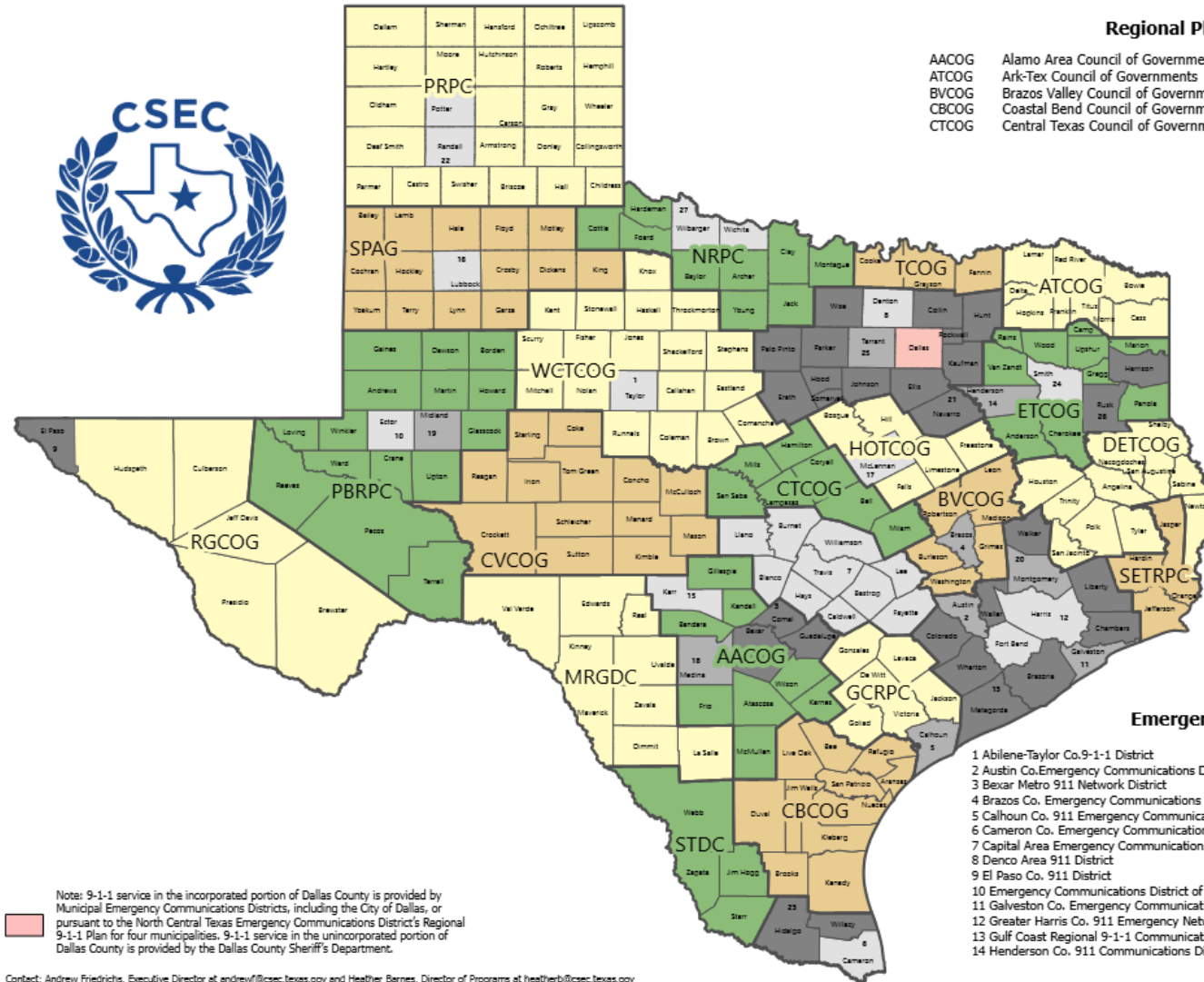


CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT

QUESTIONS?

Appendix

State of Texas 9-1-1 Service Entities



Regional Planning Commissions

AACOG	Alamo Area Council of Governments	CVCOG	Concho Valley Council of Governments
ATCOG	Ark-Tex Council of Governments	DETCOG	Deep East Council of Governments
BVCOG	Brazos Valley Council of Governments	ETCOG	East Texas Council of Governments
CBCOG	Coastal Bend Council of Governments	GCRPC	Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission
CTCOG	Central Texas Council of Governments	HOTCOG	Heart of Texas Council of Governments
		MRGDC	Middle Rio Grande Development Council
		NRPC	Nortex Regional Planning Commission
		PBRPC	Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
		PRPC	Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
		RGCOG	Rio Grande Council of Governments
		SETRPC	Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
		SPAG	South Plains Association of Governments
		STDC	South Texas Development Council
		TCOG	Texoma Council of Governments
		WCTCOG	West Central Council of Governments

Municipal Emergency Communication Districts

Addison (Dallas Co.)	Highland Park (Dallas Co.)
Aransas Pass (Aransas Co.)	Hutchins (Dallas Co.)
Carrollton (Denton Co.)	Kilgore (Gregg Co.)
Cedar Hill (Dallas Co.)	Lancaster (Dallas Co.)
Coppell (Dallas Co.)	Longview (Gregg Co.)
Corpus Christi (Nueces Co.)	Mesquite (Dallas Co.)
Dallas (Dallas Co.)	Plano (Collin Co.)
Dallas County*	Portland (San Patricio Co.)
De Soto (Dallas Co.)	Richardson (Dallas Co.)
Denison (Grayson Co.)	Rowlett (Dallas Co.)
Duncanville (Dallas Co.)	Sherman (Grayson Co.)
Ennis (Ellis Co.)	Sunnyvale (Dallas Co.)
Farmers Branch (Dallas Co.)	University Park (Dallas Co.)
Garland (Dallas Co.)	Wylie (Collin Co.)
Glenn Heights (Dallas Co.)	

Emergency Communication Districts

- 1 Abilene-Taylor Co. 9-1-1 District
- 2 Austin Co. Emergency Communications District
- 3 Bexar Metro 911 Network District
- 4 Brazos Co. Emergency Communications District
- 5 Calhoun Co. 911 Emergency Communications District
- 6 Cameron Co. Emergency Communications District
- 7 Capital Area Emergency Communications District
- 8 Denco Area 911 District
- 9 El Paso Co. 911 District
- 10 Emergency Communications District of Ector Co.
- 11 Galveston Co. Emergency Communications District
- 12 Greater Harris Co. 911 Emergency Network
- 13 Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Communications District
- 14 Henderson Co. 911 Communications District
- 15 Kerr Co. Emergency 911 Network
- 16 Lubbock Co. Emergency Communications District
- 17 McLennan Co. Emergency Assistance District
- 18 Medina Co. 911 District
- 19 Midland Emergency Communications District
- 20 Montgomery Co. Emergency Communications District
- 21 North Central Texas Emergency Communications District
- 22 Potter-Randall Co. Emergency Communications District
- 23 Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District
- 24 Smith Co. 911 Communications District
- 25 Tarrant Co. 911 District
- 26 Texas Eastern 911 Network
- 27 Wichita/Wilbarger 9-1-1 Communications District

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CSEC 911 Program

9-1-1 Program

- Health & Safety Code, Chapter 771
- Serves over 4 Million Texans
 - 2.8 million calls in FY 2022 (est.)
- Primarily rural/non-urban areas
- 75% of counties & 15% of population
- Contract with 20 participating Regional Planning Commissions to provide:
 - 9-1-1 service in 190 counties with 237 Public Safety Answering Points
 - 9-1-1 & NG911 Network Operations
 - GIS/Database - Location Information
 - 9-1-1 Equipment Replacement & Maintenance