



# DICKINSON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

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Chair Delperdang  
House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications  
HB 2690, neutral written

I am writing today on behalf of the Dickinson County Emergency Communications Center and Kansas 911, in neutral testimony regarding HB 2690. I am neutral for this bill because the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council has already informed every Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in the state that this change is coming and to prepare for it. Many feel this decision has been made and there isn't anything they can say that will be heard. Our only hope is there will be oversight for tax dollars and distribution of the 911 fees collected for the state will remain fair. A better explanation of the requirements to be chairman is needed, because the current chairman does not fit the requirements for the position when HB 2690 is passed.

I am writing in support of the American Heart Associations (AHA) Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) and their recommendation **that 911 telecommunicators that provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions be trained in telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR)**. Rural Kansans are losing medical care in the terms of hospitals and quality Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Many PSAP's do provide Emergency Medical Protocols. These protocols provide specialized training such as T-CPR to better provide for our citizens. These protocols require minimum standards from the state for 911 public safety telecommunicators. The safety and survival of our fellow Kansans is well within the purview of the legislature.

Kansas leads the country in 911 technology thanks to the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council. However, we are going to start going backwards if we don't start making the changes needed to better care for our citizens. We can see the changes with EMS in rural Kansas. It won't be long before they start driving hearses again. We want to keep moving forward in Kansas and help our citizens at every turn. From the Farmers in their fields who suffer a medical emergency, help can be too far away if they have a cardiac emergency. If 911 can start CPR immediately the odds of survival increase, without it, the survival rate drops between 7 and 10% every minute that CPR is not started. Brain death occurs four to six minutes after someone experiences cardiac arrest. For someone 30 minutes away from help this is literally life and death.

The instruction and training comes at a low cost and is paid for by our state 911 fees. They are just not being utilized for this purpose. Rural Kansans should be entitled to the same level of care and access to a cardiac chain of survival as anyone in an urban center, they are just as deserving to survive as anyone else.

Thank you,

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