



Learn about the new public safety communications center

Leaders from South Sound 911 will provide briefings about the agency's plan to build a new public safety communications center at upcoming public meetings around the county. Voters in Pierce County authorized the project in November 2011 as part of a 0.1 percent sales tax increase to fund the consolidation of six disparate 911 centers and create a regional emergency communications radio network. The intent of both actions was to improve the delivery of emergency services.

The public meetings are being held in each of the County Council districts, where South Sound 911 Executive Director Andrew Neiditz will speak about the project and provide a general agency.

The 2nd District meeting is being held **Wednesday, April 29th, at 6 p.m.** in the Puyallup Public Library South Meeting Room, 324 S. Meridian in Puyallup. [You can click here to see the full list of meeting dates and locations.](#)

The public safety communications center will house operations from six consolidated and collocated 911 centers, as well as administrative and public services, or a total of 250 employees, most of whom work various shifts to provide 24-hour emergency services, seven days a week.

The public safety communications center will be a "hybrid campus" comprised of two buildings and parking for employees and visitors. One building, approximately 55,000 sq. ft. in size, will house 911 and dispatch operations and a municipal emergency operations center (EOC). It will be constructed to meet the National Fire Protection Association, National Emergency Number Association (NENA), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards for public safety communications centers.


The second building, approximately 25,000 sq. ft. in size, will house South Sound 911's administrative offices and Information Services department, which offers a public counter for services such as fingerprinting and the processing of concealed pistol license applications. The administrative building will be constructed to meet general office and commercial building standards.


The project is estimated to cost \$62 million and is expected to be completed in 2017.


For more information about this project or the agency's other major projects, please visit South Sound 911's [website](#).

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