

# National Science Foundation Student Research Colloquium Presentation

# The Progression of 9-1-1

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# April is National 9-1-1 Education Month





# How did a telephone emergency system come to be?

#### **Steady Progression Since Beginning of Phones**

- First telephone call 1876
  - Alexander Graham Bell
- Early emergency systems
  - Call boxes









## Know what this is?



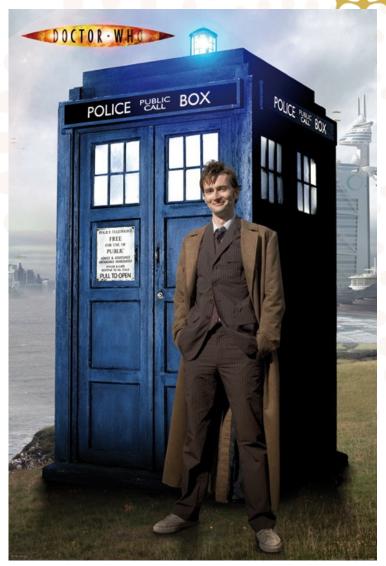




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- Emergency telephone system
  - First in UK in 1937









## Legislation Behind US 9-1-1



- Federal Communication Commission and AT&T
- LBJ Task Force
- First call in Haleyville, Alabama

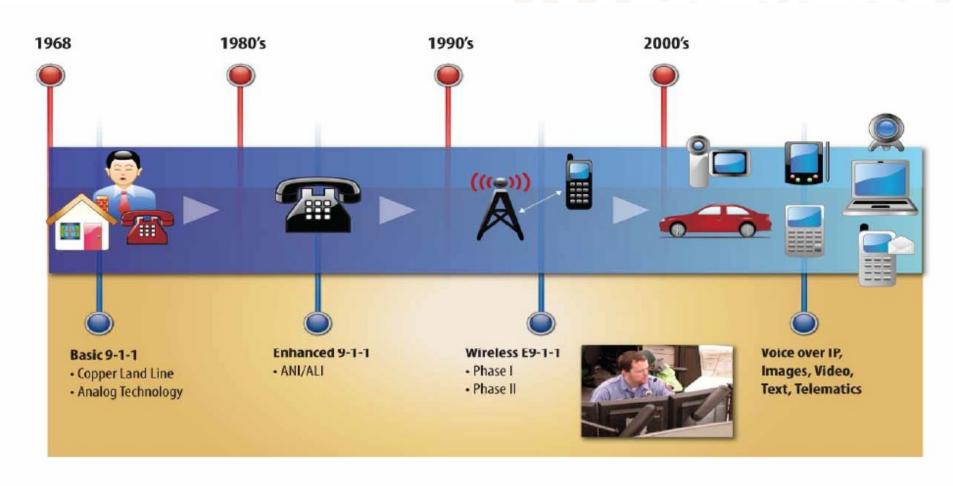






### **Evolution Since 1968**



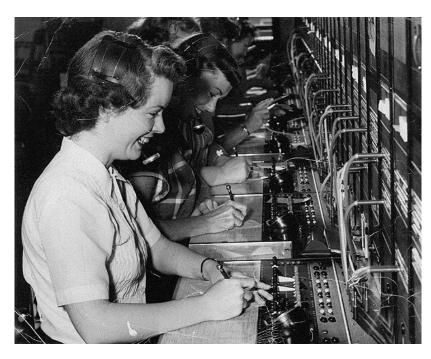






## **Operator Assisted**

"In the earliest days of telephone technology...all telephone calls were operator-assisted...Until dial service came into use, one could not place calls without operator assistance."







### **Enhanced 911**



- Implemented in 1980s
- Gives caller's location, if available
- Beginning of caller data collection
- Orange County, FL in 1980





#### Wireless E911



- Wireless Phase One (WPH1)
  - Radiolocation
  - Which is the tower location and a direction the call came from
- Wireless Phase Two (WPH2)
  - Which provides an estimated GF
  - Global Positioning System
- 1990 up until now









#### Advances in technology provide:

- Quicker and more accurate information
- Better and more useful forms of information (real-time text messages, images, video, etc)
- More flexible, secure and robust Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP)
- Increased sharing of data, resources, procedures and standards









Today's 9-1-1	Next Generation 9-1-1
Primarily voice calls via telephones	Voice, text, or video information, from many types of communication devices
Minimal data available	Advanced data sharing is automatically performed
PSAP services – access, transfer, backup – are local only	Enhanced "long distance" capabilities; physical location of PSAP becomes immaterial
Limited capability for emergency notification	Location-specific emergency alerts possible for any networked device

Laurie Flaherty, National 9-1-1 Office





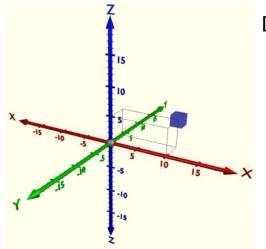
# Federal Communications Commission Mandate

"...Carriers provide vertical location information—the Z coordinate

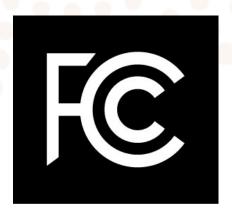
—that is accurate within three meters. This data would help first

responders determine the floor and room where the emergency

caller can be found to improve response times"



Donny Jackson Urgent Communications







## **GeoComm**

when seconds matter, we help save lives and protect property by providing essential, innovative, location-based solutions to public safety professionals.

National reputation as a leading provider of geographic information and communication systems.



"The company's systems route emergency calls to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), plot the caller's location on a dispatcher's map, and guide emergency responders to the accident on mobile displays within police, fire, and EMS vehicles"





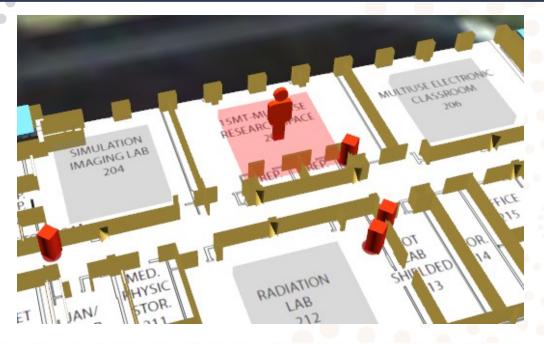
#### SCSU Visualization Lab

"The Visualization Lab's goal is to integrate Virtual Reality with the classroom environment in order to improve the experience for students and faculty."

They work on a number of projects, including one with GeoComm.





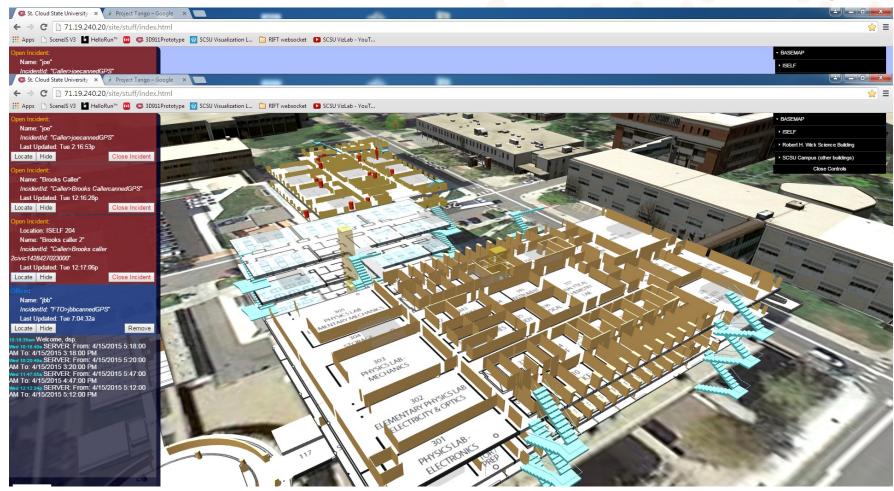








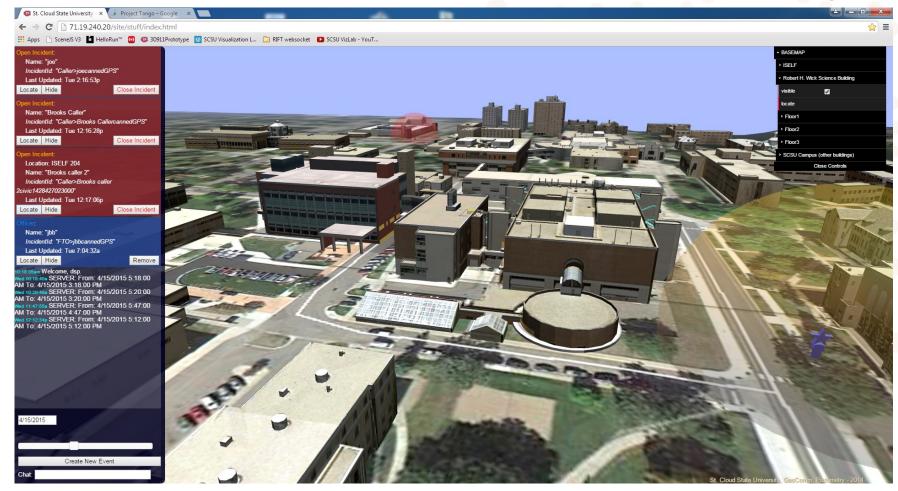






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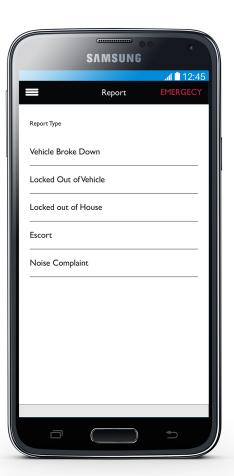




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