



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016) - Continuing efforts to improve public safety and modernize Indiana's 911 services, Treasurer of the State Kelly Mitchell and the Statewide 911 Board are pleased to announce that Hoosiers in all 92 counties can now send a text message to 911.

"Indiana has the largest deployment of 'Text to 911' in the United States" said Treasurer Mitchell. "Since 911 was created, Indiana has been a leader in this industry. Statewide 'Text to 911' capabilities are yet another example of our leadership and innovation in this arena."

'Text to 911' services allow people who are deaf, hard of hearing, and speaking impaired to access participating emergency service call centers by sending a text message to 911 in lieu of making a voice call or needing a telephone relay service. "Text to 911" also allows residents in dangerous situations who are unable to risk the noise of a call to send a text for help.

If you would like more information about the 'Text to 911' program please contact Barry Ritter, Executive Director of the Statewide 911 Board at (317) 234-2507.



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