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An act to require the nearest on duty law officer, regardless of jurisdiction, to service 911 calls.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will require the nearest on duty law enforcement official, regardless of jurisdiction – city, county or state patrol – respond to all emergency 911 calls if the officer is closest to the emergency location.

Section 2: This bill will increase the safety and well-being of all Kentucky citizens, allowing emergencies to be addressed more efficiently and at a faster rate.

Section 3: Each day, 150,000 emergency "911" calls are made throughout Kentucky. At this time, in the Kentucky Commonwealth, if someone were to call "911," the law enforcement contacted and sent out would be based on where the emergency took place; not based on which task force could assist them first. This means that if someone lives outside of the city limits, even if it is only half a mile outside the limits, a regular city police officer would not be able to assist. They would be expected to wait for a county officer (county sheriff), which could take over an hour; even if there was city police only five minutes away. This puts our Kentucky citizens at more risk of injury, danger or even death.

Section 4: This bill will require the "911" dispatcher to find out where the emergency has taken place, and to alert the law enforcement official closest to the emergency to go and assist. To find the closest law enforcement official, the 911 dispatcher will know where the emergency has taken place because of the GPS system already placed in every official's vehicle. The Kentucky Legislature will enforce this upon all law enforcement officials.

Section 5: This bill will have minimal costs as GPS and technology are already constantly being updated with state, county and city mapping systems. It should reduce costs as this bill will decrease the time and fuel spent on longer distance response units or those officials not nearest to the 911 locations. Current Kentucky Commonwealth taxes afford for both communications equipment and our law enforcement officials and no additional law enforcement is needed.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect one year after passage to ensure new cadets and already employed Kentucky police, sheriff and state patrol are aware of this update to procedures and policies.