# Testing Emergency Call Services: 911, Enhanced 911 (E-911) and NG-911

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# Background

- Rapid emergency services are essential
- FCC mandate locate callers < 50 meters / 80 percent of time 2021
- A Landline phone has a fixed location
- A VoIP phone can be relocated
- A Mobile phone is mobile, but locatable
- TTY, TDD, or Relay for Deaf
- Text-to-911 is becoming available
- Almost all mobile phones have GPS
- Smartphones have accurate location info and can provide it directly to PSAPs



# Over the Top (OTT Apps for 911)

- Apple announced iPhone users who call 9-1-1 to automatically and securely share their location data with PSAPs
- The announcement could refocus wireless 9-1-1 location to device-based solutions from network-based technologies
- Smartphone based location is better than network-based because smartphones are providing better accuracy, emergency call routing, and emergency caller tracking

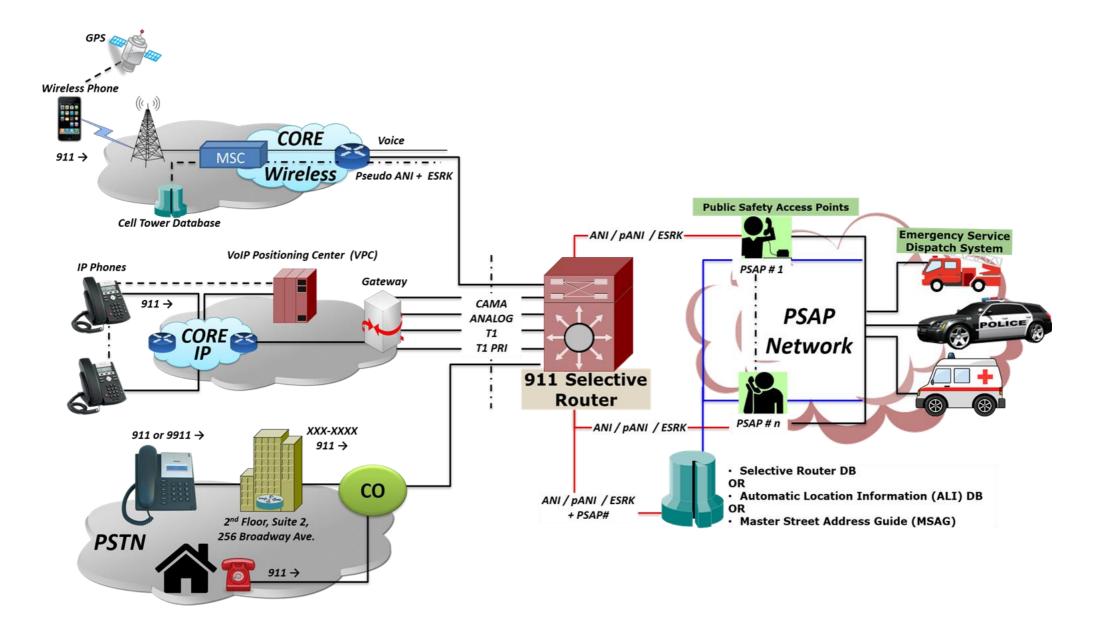


#### 911 Landscape – Past, Present, Future

- Why test CAMA trunks? After all, they are 2-wire legacy circuits
- **Carriers** rapidly transitioning to IP and Wireless infrastructure from Legacy
- **PSAPs** will be last to convert from Legacy to NG, price sensitive, tax payer funded
- Evolution 911, E-911, NG-911, OTT
- Gateways to interface to Legacy PSAPs



### 911 and E-911 Emergency Services





### Introduction

- Centralized Automatic Message Accounting (CAMA) Trunk 2 wire analog trunk
- Selective Router (SR) routes the call to the proper PSAP
- **Public Safety Access Point** attendant and dispatch centers for emergency vehicles
- ANI Automatic Number Identification (ANI) i.e., the calling number of the distressed person
- **Database Lookup** calling # to street address



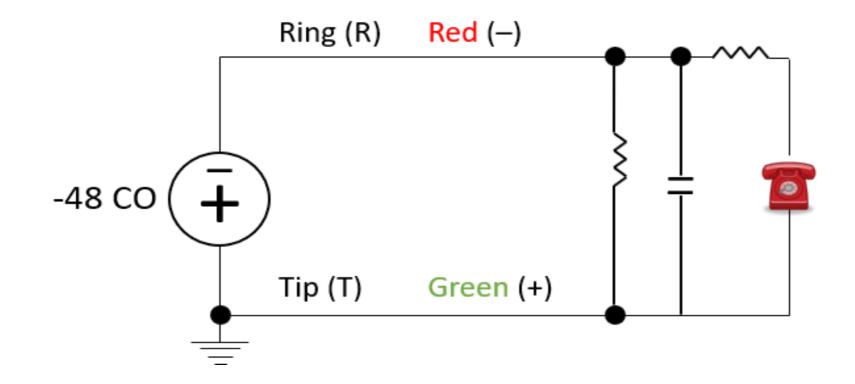
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#### CAMA Trunk

- No Dial Tone in response to Off Hook
- ANI
- Answer Supervision
- Wink

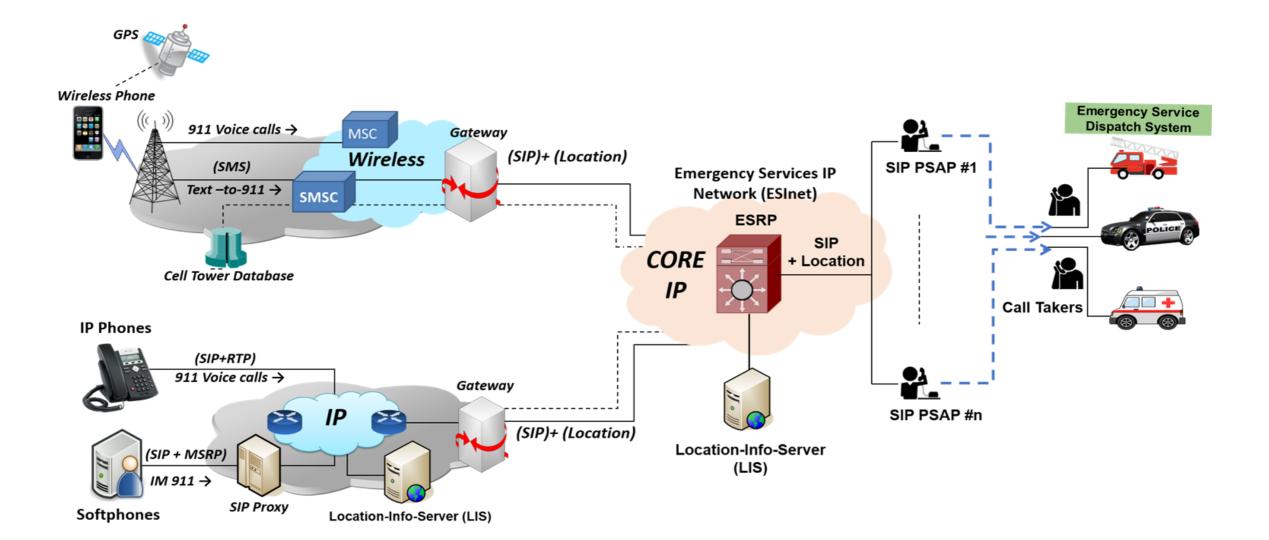
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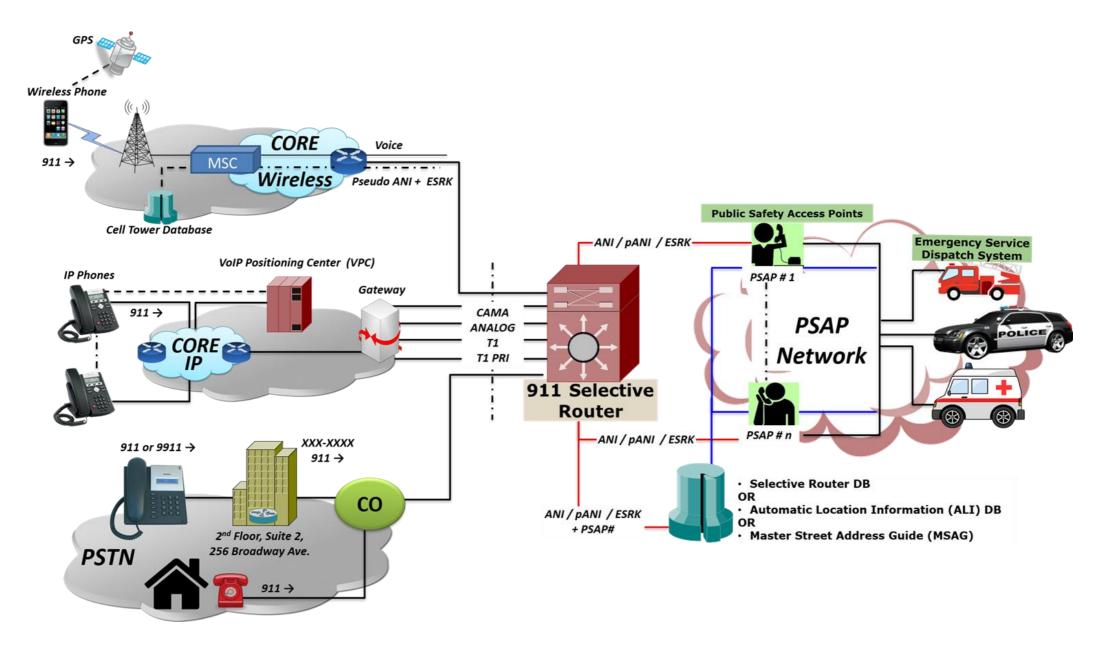




# Next Generation 911 (NG-911) Emergency Services



# **Test 911 and E-911 Emergency Services**





# **911 Requirements and Solution**

- **Requirement**: One of the major PSAP vendor wished to emulate and analyze legacy 911 Emergency calls to test their 911 elements (PSAP, 911 Selective Router)
  - > Emulate T1 CAMA trunks with CAMA signaling for the purpose of testing 911 Selective Router and/or the PSAP side
  - Emulate an analog PSAP trunk again either 911 Selective Router side and/or the PSAP side
  - > Analyze analog CAMA trunk with CDR, signaling analysis, digit analysis, and more
  - Easy set up via GUI, but also programmability to satisfy slight variations



# 911 Requirements and Solution (Contd.)

- Solution: GL's versatile tProbe<sup>™</sup> or any of our T1 E1 rack mount solution can perform all the requirement functionalities
  - Generate/Receive 911 Emergency CAMA calls over T1 in bulk, and continue indefinitely
  - ▶ Be the 911 Selective Router or the PSAP end or both simultaneously
  - > Generate 911 Emergency CAMA calls over analog FXO or FXS, and continue indefinitely
  - Follow the CAMA protocol precisely MF signaling for "calling #"
  - Reverse Battery
  - > Analyze/monitor T1 CAMA trunks for 911 calls, generate CDRs, get precise protocol exchange



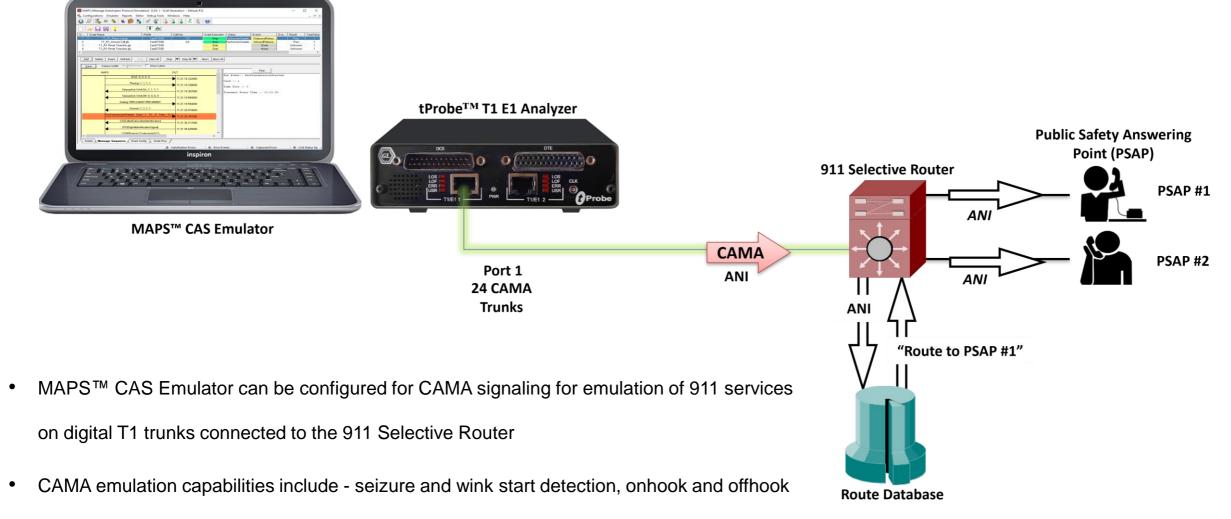
#### **Required GL Hardware, Software, and Accessories**

- High End Notebook PC (SA005d)
- tProbe<sup>™</sup> T1 (PTE001) with FXO/FXS Card (PTE015)
- Software MAPS<sup>™</sup> FXO/FXS (PTA624), MAPS<sup>™</sup> CAS Emulation (PTA651), CLI support for both MAPS<sup>™</sup> products

(PKS170), MAPS<sup>™</sup> SIP (PKS120), RTP Core (PKS102)



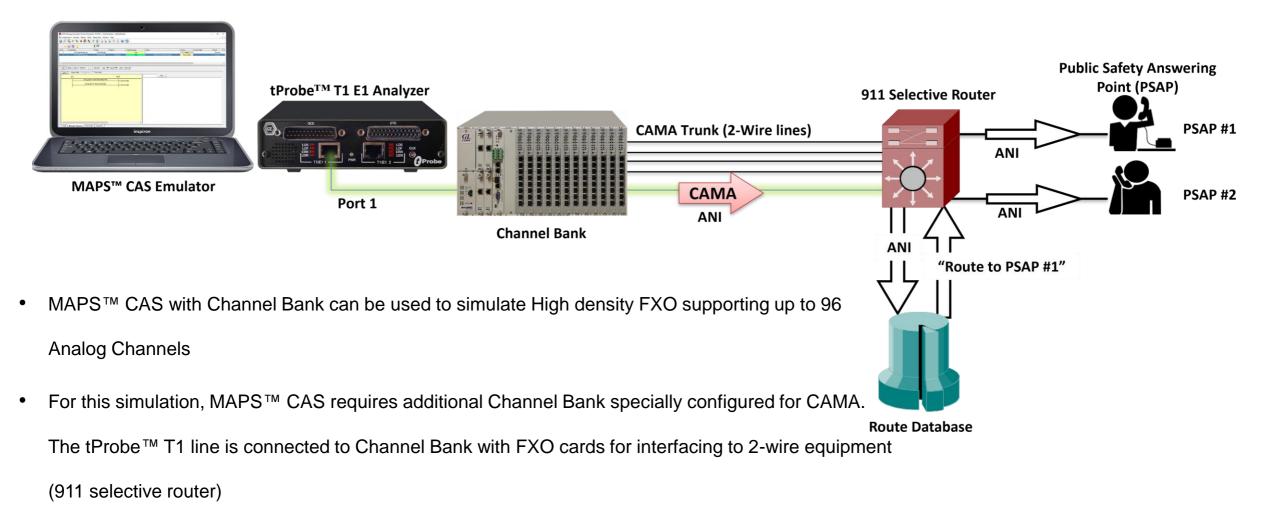
# **Digital CAMA Simulation**



detection and MF digit (ANI) generation/detection

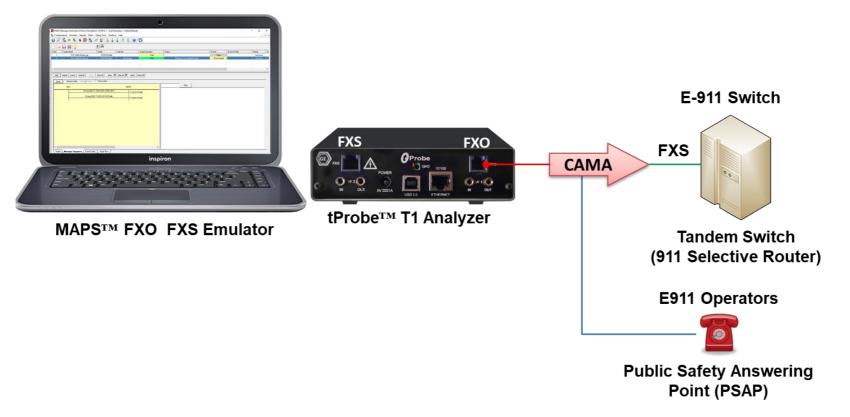
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# **Analog CAMA Simulation via Channel Bank**



Single FXO board within the channel bank can convert one digital T1 line into 8 Analog lines

# **Originating CAMA Call Simulation (FXO ports)**



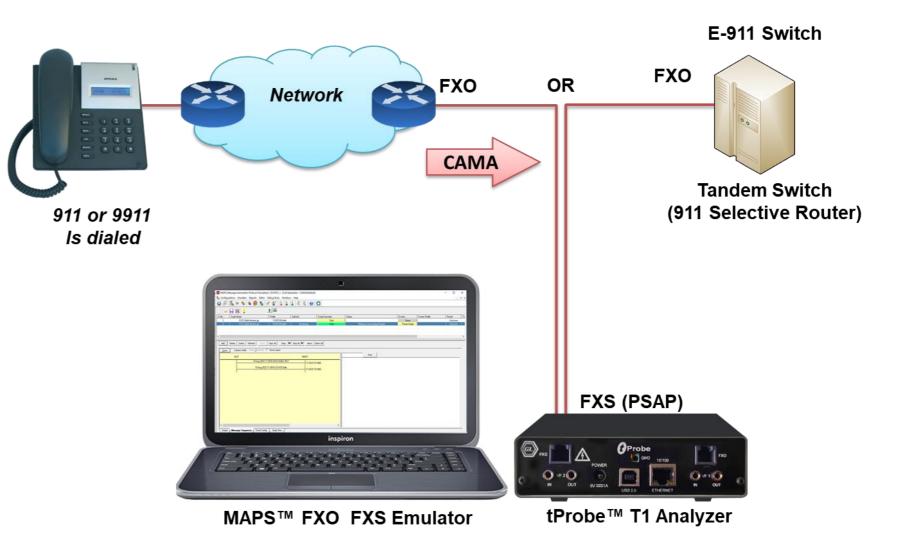
- The tProbe<sup>™</sup> FXO port can be directly connected to 911 selective router or PSAP on CAMA-type circuits for simulation of CAMA calls to the selective router or PSAP
- The script will seize the line, wait for wink, dial ANI and wait for call connect



# Terminating CAMA Call Simulation (FXS ports)

- tProbe<sup>™</sup> FXS port connected to central office or selective router for terminating CAMA calls
- The script will detect seizure from far side, provide wink, wait for ANI, and

connect the call

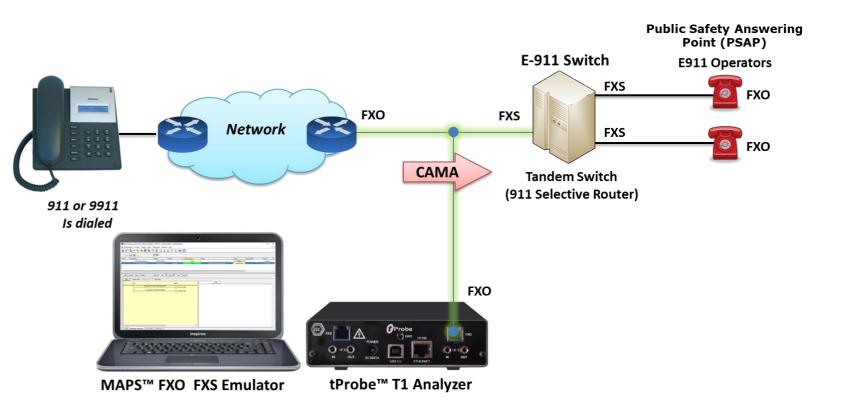




# Monitoring of CAMA type trunks using MAPS<sup>™</sup> FXO FXS

- The tProbe<sup>™</sup> T1 FXO port can be tapped onto CAMA-type circuits for non-intrusive monitoring of 911 service
- Monitoring capabilities include seizure and wink start detection, onhook and offhook detection and MF digit (calling party ANI) detection
- A normal analog call is routed based on the destination (called party) phone number.

However, 911 calls are routed based on the calling party number

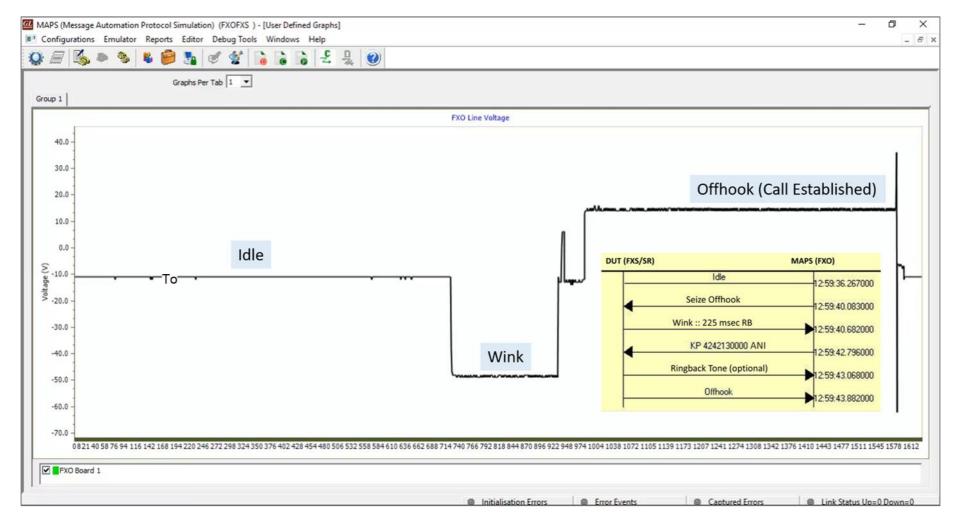


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## 2-Wire Line Volt Graph



• The monitoring script is used to monitor a CAMA line between the central office and selective router, or between the selective router and PSAP. This script continuously monitor line current and voltages of FXO and FXS ports



# Next Generation (NG) 911

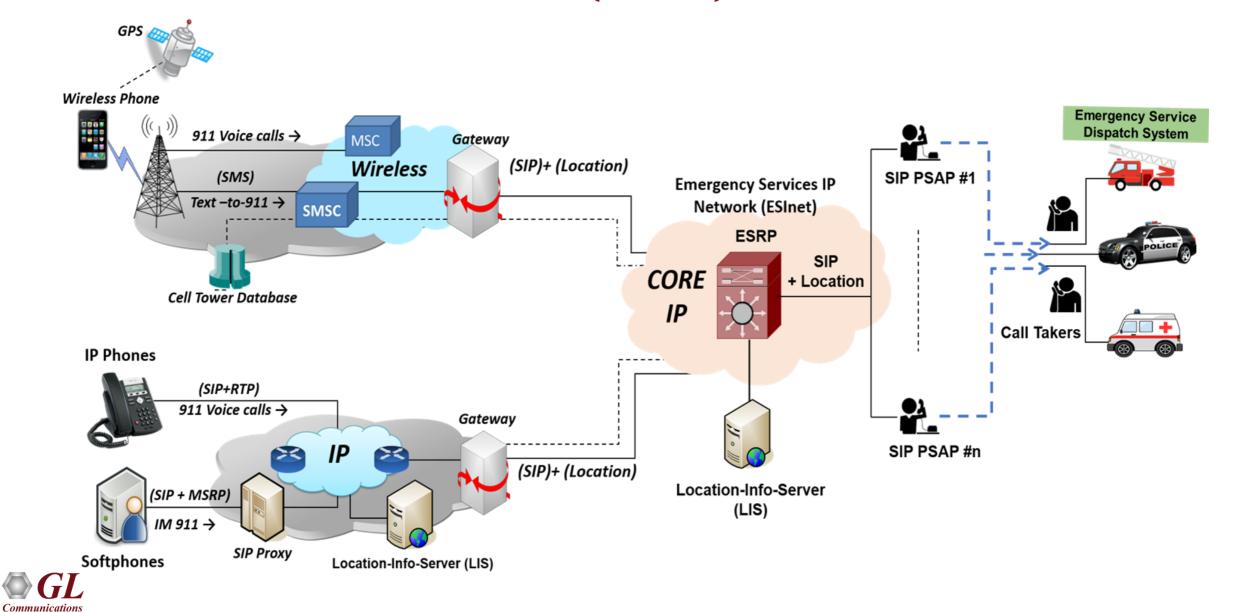


# **NG-911 Introduction**

- The FCC mandates that all PSTN, VoIP, and Wireless networks provide 911 services
- NG 911 networks based on NENA i3 standards multimedia
- Text-to-911 services already becoming available



#### Test Solutions for Next Generation 911 (NG-911) for Public Safety



# **Test Requirements for NG 911**

- Test NG-PSAP(s) for Voice calls, SMS and Instant Messaging
- Test solution to simulate SIP+MSRP endpoints, establish the connected sessions, and record related transport statistics on the MSRP text flows
  as part of the results
- Testing call performance based on different voice codec, narrowband and wideband codec
- Scripts to perform advanced tests using SIP methods like SUBSCRIBE/NOTIFY, REFER and INFO for testing NG 911 interfaces.
- API Integration for automated testing
- Test advanced voice features such as interactive voice response (IVR), conferencing
- Measurement and reporting tools to monitor overall network health, signaling performance, call volume quality vs time, call duration, identify
  problem and alert management
- Speech quality measurements Listening MOS, Conversational MOS, PESQ, POLQA, Delay, SNR, Signal Level, Packet Loss

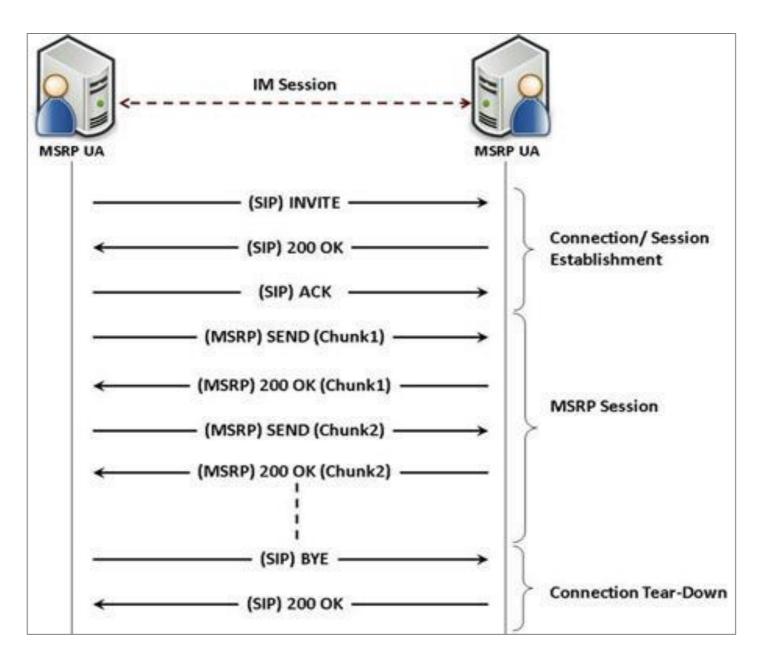


# **GL's Test Solutions for NG-911**

- GL offers enhanced MAPS<sup>™</sup> SIP emulator for Emergency Services Internet Protocol Networks (ESInets) to enable call delivery using Session Internet Protocol (SIP), as well as Instant Messaging (IM) delivery conforming with RFC 4975/4976 - Message Session Relay Protocol (MSRP) protocol
- MAPS<sup>™</sup> SIP allows SIP vendors, wireless carriers, NG-911 service providers, and emergency communications centers to test IP applications for satisfactory working of NG-911 services prior to deployment
- MAPS<sup>™</sup> SIP can simulate the end-points (SIP/RTP or SIP/MSRP User Agents) in an NG-911 network and send and receive communications over ESInets



#### **Typical IM Simulation between SIP/MSRP Endpoints**





# Audio and IM Call Generation

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#### NetSurveyorWeb<sup>™</sup> for Monitoring Emergency Services Network



### NetSurveyorWeb<sup>™</sup> – Main Features

- Web-based network surveillance system for air traffic monitoring
- Works with multiple PacketScan<sup>™</sup> Probes to non-intrusively monitor at remote locations
- Scalable and Flexible Architecture
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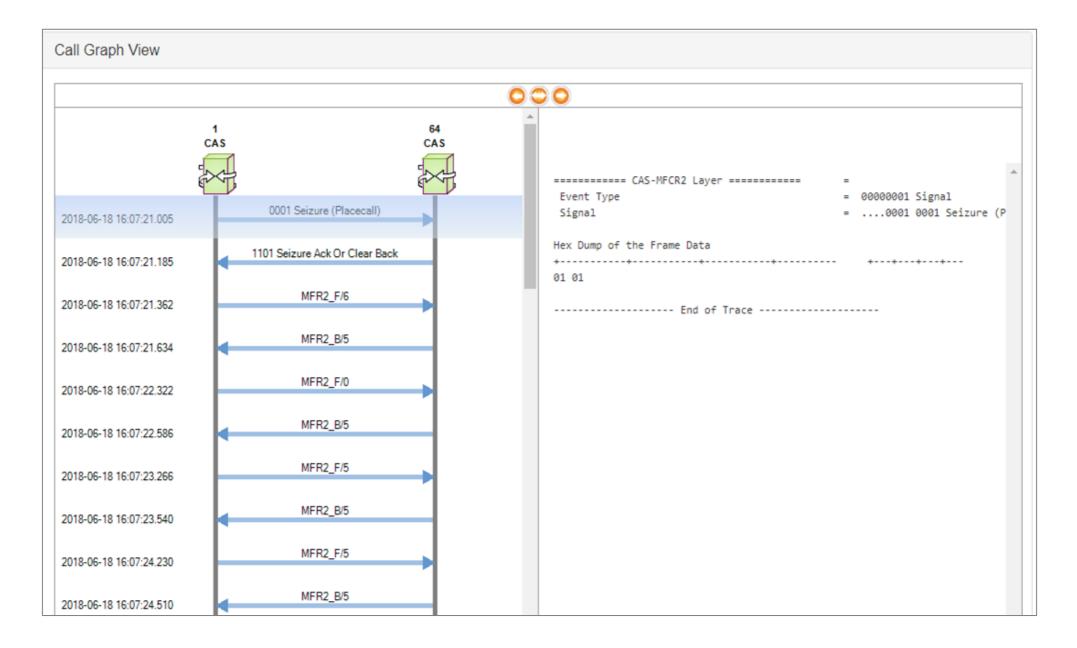


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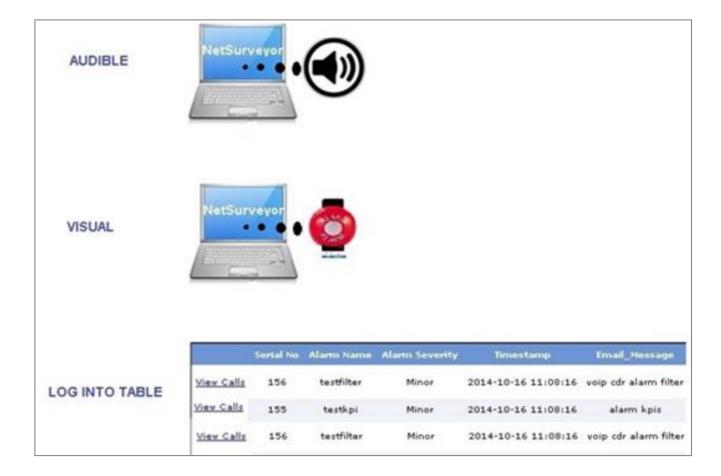




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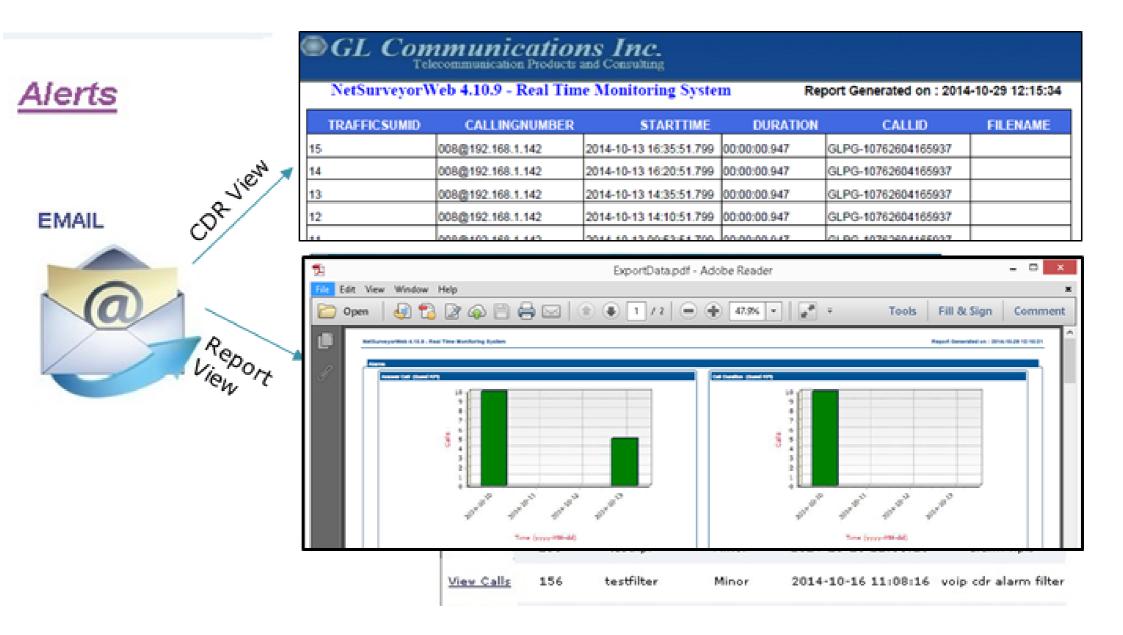
#### **Alert Types**

- Email Alerts
- Visual Alarm
- Audible Alarm
- Set Alarm Severity
- Log to File



- Define real-time network conditions to generate alarms
- Define different actions based on the generated alarms

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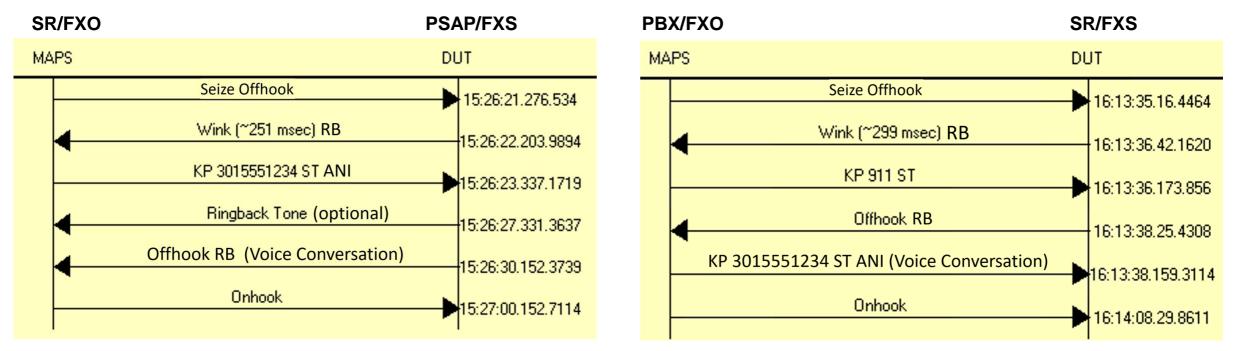




# **Call Flow Comparison using PSAP and Selective Router**

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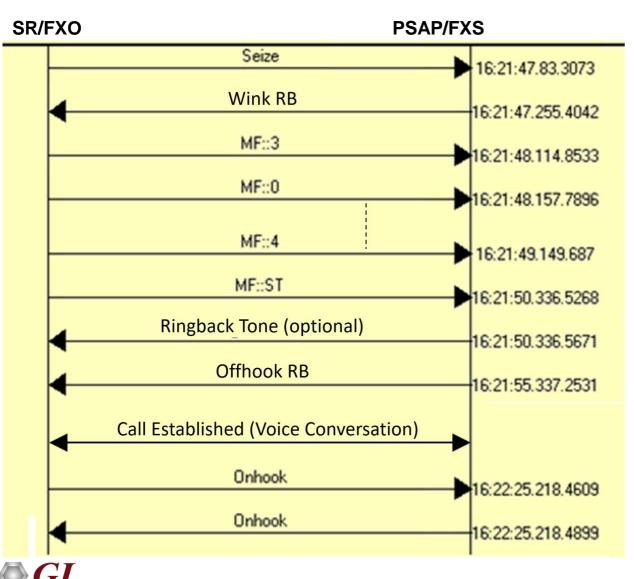
Terminating to "Selective Router (SR)"



Off Hook, Reverse Battery (RB) Automatic Number Identification (ANI) PBX acts like a landline phone and sends 911 to a CO or in this case directly to a Selective Router

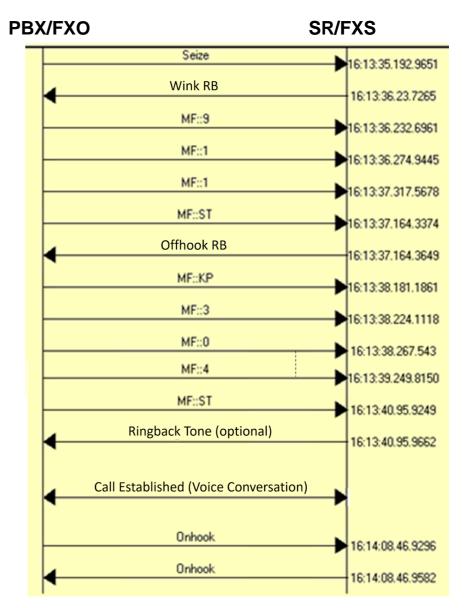
## **Call Flow Comparison using PSAP and Selective Router (Contd.)**





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#### **Termination to "Selective Router"**



# Thank you

