

Talk About It Tuesday



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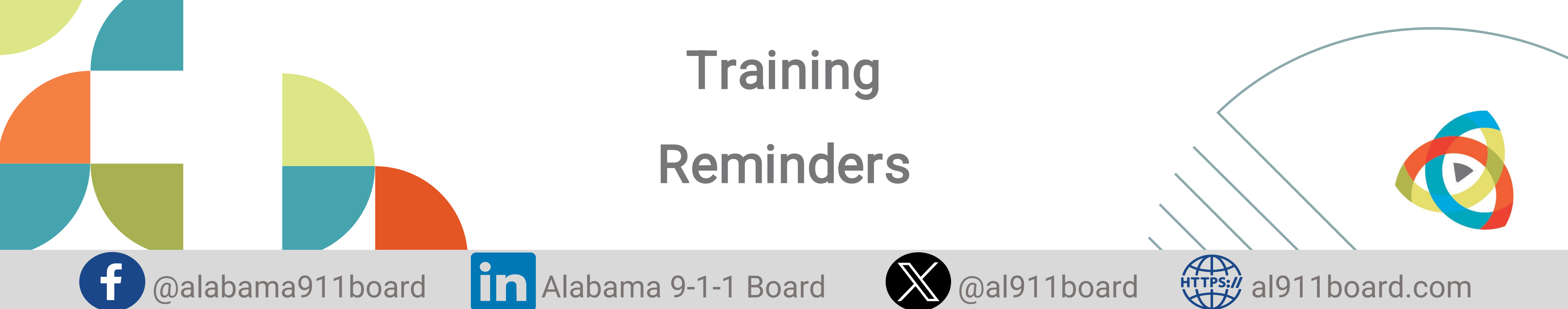
Board Meeting Recap

Grant Cycle 11 Update

Act 2026-371

Training

Reminders



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What We'll Cover

THREE SECTIONS · QUESTIONS WELCOME THROUGHOUT

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Legacy Reimbursement Is Ending

- AT&T's committed wind-down dates
- The invoices still outstanding, and what to clear before September 30

2

The Grant Program — Held Until November

- Why the Board tabled the Grant Cycle 11 decision
- The financial review that follows, and what we need from you
- Finance Committee at Gulf Coast — Tuesday, open to you

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Two Rules Now in the APA Process

- Act 2026-371 and Chapter 585-X-6 — readiness and performance audits
- Rule 585-X-4-.11 — consolidation, dissolution, contracted services
- Public review at Gulf Coast Monday, the calendar, and how to comment

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SECTION ONE

Legacy Reimbursement Is Coming to an End

The program closes out on AT&T's schedule. What remains is paperwork — and there is still a meaningful amount of it outstanding across the state.

The Legacy Wind-Down Schedule

AT&T HAS COMMITTED TO THESE DATES IN WRITING · PROGRAM CLOSEOUT

● THE WIND-DOWN SCHEDULE

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| 1 | NOW | Reconcile your accounts | Pull every legacy AT&T 9-1-1 account your district holds and confirm you have an invoice for each service period. |
| 2 | SEP 30, 2026 | Legacy billing ceases | AT&T stops billing legacy 9-1-1 charges. This is the final eligible service date for reimbursement. |
| 3 | DEC 31, 2026 | Complete termination | Legacy billing fully terminated. Board staff issues closeout notice to affected districts. |

Seven Districts Still Owe Us Invoices

WHAT TO CLEAR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30

7 ECDS WITH MISSING INVOICES	34 ACCOUNTS UNRECONCILED	Sep 30 FINAL ELIGIBLE SERVICE DATE	Dec 31 BILLING FULLY TERMINATED
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● WHAT TO DO NOW

- **Inventory every legacy account.** Not only the ones you routinely submit.
- **Request missing invoices now.** Billing systems change when legacy service ends.
- **Submit inside the window.** Do not plan around an exception being granted.
- **Call us if AT&T stalls.** Do not wait until the deadline to raise it.

● WHY IT MATTERS

- A 2025 invoice is far easier to obtain in September than it will be in January.
- Late requests put the Board in the position of setting precedent on a program that is closing.
- If your district is one of the seven, staff has already been in touch — this is your reminder, not your first notice.
- **Not sure whether you are clear?** Call the Board office at (334) 440-7911 and we will check your accounts with you.

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SECTION TWO

The Grant Program — Held Until November

The Board did not reject anything and did not select an award structure. It tabled the decision so we can understand the true financial position of every district that applied.

More Was Requested Than the Cycle Holds

GRANT CYCLE 11 · APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

24 ECDS APPLIED	\$4.92M TOTAL REQUESTED	\$4.31M DETERMINED ELIGIBLE	\$3.0M CYCLE SET-ASIDE
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Eligible demand exceeds the set-aside by roughly \$1.3 million. There is no version of this cycle in which every district receives everything it asked for. That is the problem the Board is working, and it is why the decision was held rather than rushed.

WHAT THE BOARD DID NOT DO

- **No award structure has been selected.** Staff presented options for discussion; the Board adopted none of them and is not bound to any approach.
- **No application was denied, reduced, or ranked.** Every application received remains live and in the same standing it had the day it was submitted.

Tabled to the November Meeting

THE BOARD'S DECISION AND THE REASONING BEHIND IT

The Board voted to table the Grant Cycle 11 award decision until the November meeting so that staff can gather additional financial information from the districts that applied.

● WHY

- There is more eligible demand than there is money in the cycle. Someone receives less than they asked for.
- Before that happens, the Board wants to confirm that each application reflects a legitimate financial need.
- The goal is to help the districts that are genuinely struggling — not to spread the money evenly across everyone who applied.

● WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

- **Your application stands.** Nothing needs to be resubmitted or refiled.
- **Expect a financial request — answer it fully.** Staff will be in touch with what is needed and the date it is due. A thin response is the fastest way to be hard to fund.
- **Awards are acted on in November.** The Board takes the decision up at its November meeting.

What the Board Wants to See

A FULL PICTURE OF EACH DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL POSITION

The Board wants a deep dive into the financial well-being of every district that applied — **inclusive of all cash on hand.**

Checking accounts

Every operating and general-fund checking account the district holds, with current balances.

Savings accounts

All savings and money-market accounts, including any held at more than one institution.

Investment accounts

Certificates of deposit, investment pools, and any other invested funds — with maturity dates.

Operating position

Recent receipts against disbursements, so the Board can see whether the district is running a surplus or a deficit.

● HOW TO APPROACH IT

- **Report everything, including healthy balances.** Holding a reserve is not disqualifying — an incomplete picture is far more damaging than a strong one. Staff will send the request with the specific format and the date it is due.

Finance Committee Meeting

TUESDAY OF THE GULF COAST 911 CONFERENCE

The Board has two sessions at the conference: the rules panel on Monday, and this meeting on Tuesday. The committee will dig further into the grant program and the financial picture behind the applications.

Open to district directors

You are welcome to attend. You do not need an invitation beyond this one.

Bring your numbers

Checking, savings, investments, and your operating position tell the story better than a narrative.

Can't be there?

Send your input on the grant criteria to caleb@al911.gov. Not attending should not cost your district a voice.

The day before: the public review panel on both administrative rules, Monday 1:00 – 3:50 p.m. Covered in the rules section.

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SECTION THREE

Two Rules Are Now in the APA Process

The Board authorized both rulemakings in August. The filings went to the Legislative Services Agency on Thursday, August 20, 2026, and the notice publishes at the end of this month.

Act 2026-371

THE STATUTE BEHIND THE FIRST RULE · EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Adds § 11-98-4.3 to the Code of Alabama. The statute takes effect October 1, 2026 whether or not the implementing rules are final by then.

● WHAT THE ACT CREATES

- A statutory framework for measuring emergency response readiness across districts.
- Authority for performance audits of emergency communication districts.
- A reporting relationship between districts and the Board on readiness data.

● HOW THE BOARD IMPLEMENTS IT

- New Chapter 585-X-6 — Emergency Response Readiness Measurement and Performance Audits.
- A policy body plus four technical attachments: data dictionary, audit workplan, audit report template, and redaction standard.
- Regional Field Managers will build and administer the readiness program statewide.

Mind the gap. The statute switches on October 1, 2026, but the rules that implement it will not be final until the APA process finishes — expect early 2027. Do not read that gap as a reason to wait; the readiness expectations are coming either way.

Chapter 585-X-6 — Readiness & Performance Audits

RULE ONE · A NEW TWENTY-SECTION CHAPTER WITH FOUR TECHNICAL ATTACHMENTS

● WHAT THE CHAPTER DOES

- 1 Quarterly readiness reporting**

Districts report readiness data to the Board on a fixed quarterly schedule, using a common data dictionary drawn from NENA and APCO standards.
- 2 Performance audits**

Sets out how an audit is initiated, how it is conducted under a published workplan, and what the resulting report contains.
- 3 A redaction standard**

Readiness and audit material can touch sensitive operational detail, so the chapter carries its own redaction standard rather than leaving it case by case.
- 4 Phased implementation**

The chapter phases in over time rather than landing all at once. Those phases are anchored to the rule's actual effective date.

Comment against the version published in the Alabama Administrative Monthly — it is the operative text. Email us and we will send you the filed rules.

Rule 585-X-4-.11 — Consolidation & Dissolution

RULE TWO · CONSOLIDATION, DISSOLUTION, AND CONTRACTED SERVICES AMONG DISTRICTS

● WHAT THE RULE WOULD REQUIRE

● Board approval is additive, not a substitute.

If your district consolidates or dissolves, Board approval would be required in addition to — not in place of — action by your creating authority.

● Joint application, ninety days out.

Applications must be submitted jointly by the districts involved, at least 90 days before the proposed effective date.

● Contracted services are covered too.

The rule reaches contracted dispatch and service arrangements between districts, not only full consolidation or dissolution.

Worth commenting on

If your district has ever discussed consolidating, contracting dispatch, or dissolving, this rule sets the process you would have to follow.

The comment period is the moment to say whether it fits the way those conversations actually happen in your county — and whether ninety days is workable.

Bring it to the Monday panel at Gulf Coast, or submit it in writing.

Public Review of Both Rules at Gulf Coast

MONDAY OF THE GULF COAST 911 CONFERENCE · 1:00 – 3:50 P.M.

A dedicated public review session on both administrative rules. The full advisory group will be in attendance, and the session runs as a panel discussion rather than a lecture. Written comments will be taken immediately following.

Monday, 1:00 – 3:50 p.m.

Nearly three hours set aside for both rules. Come for the portion that affects you, or stay for all of it.

A panel, not a presentation

Members of the advisory group who developed the rules will be on the panel and available to answer directly.

Bring the hard questions

Reporting burden, audit exposure, the ninety-day consolidation window, definitions that do not fit your operation.

Written comment follows

Comment forms will be taken immediately after the session, so you can put your position on the record the same afternoon.

This is the best chance most districts will get. Everyone who built these rules will be in one room, and comment can go on the record before you leave the conference. The Finance Committee meets the next day, Tuesday.

The Rulemaking Calendar

BOTH RULES TRAVEL THE SAME SCHEDULE · ONE HEARING · ONE ADOPTION MEETING

● FROM FILING TO EFFECTIVE DATE

DONE	● Aug 20, 2026	Filed with LSA	Both filing packets transmitted to the Legislative Services Agency.
NEXT	● End of August	Notice publishes in the AAM	Publication in the Alabama Administrative Monthly opens the formal comment period.
ATTEND	● Conf. Monday	Public review panel — Gulf Coast	1:00 – 3:50 p.m. with the advisory group. Written comment taken immediately after.
ACT	● Nov 18, 2026	Public hearing — 9:30 a.m. CT	Tuscaloosa County EOC, Northport. Written comment closes at the conclusion of the hearing.
THEN	● After Nov 18	Board adoption, then certification	Adopted at the first properly noticed meeting after the hearing, then certified to LSA.
EFFECT	● Early 2027	Rules take effect	Effective date follows certification and publication — expect February or March 2027.

No written follow-up window. Comment closes at the conclusion of the November 18 hearing. Nothing submitted after that goes on the record.

How to Comment on Either Rule

WRITTEN COMMENT MAY ARRIVE BY EMAIL, MAIL, HAND DELIVERY, OR IN PERSON

Email

caleb@al911.gov

Fastest route, and the one staff monitors most closely through the close of comment.

Mail

P.O. Box 1790
Montgomery, AL 36102-1790

Allow delivery time — the deadline is receipt, not postmark.

Hand delivery

1 Commerce Street, Suite 620
Montgomery, AL 36104

Courier or in person during normal business hours.

In person

Gulf Coast panel, Monday
or the hearing, Nov 18

Speak at either. At the hearing, sign in and state whether you speak for or against.

● THREE THINGS TO KNOW

- **Need the rule text? Email us and we will send it.** The notice publishes in the Alabama Administrative Monthly, from the Legislative Services Agency (334-261-0600).
- **Comment against the published text, not an earlier draft.** Both rules were revised before filing — the AAM version is the operative one.
- **Every comment is logged with the date and time received.** Conflicting views oblige the Board to publish its reasons for and against adoption, built from that record.

The Rest of the Meeting

OTHER AUGUST BUSINESS WITH BEARING ON DISTRICTS

FY2027 Budget

Takes effect October 1, 2026. Carries \$3.0M for the equal-parts distribution every ECD receives, and \$5.0M held for a later grant phase — both separate from the \$3.0M Grant Cycle 11 set-aside.

Regional Field Managers

Position approved and authorized to fill — two managers splitting the state. They build and administer the readiness program under Act 2026-371 and become your day-to-day point of contact.

FY26 Q3 financials

Q3 closed with a net surplus of roughly \$3.28M against a Q1 deficit; consolidated expenses down about 13% from Q1.

RapidSOS and Axon

Trial and early-access agreements, both no-cost through December 31, 2026.

Retiree health insurance

LGHIP retiree coverage to be elected in the November 2026 open enrollment window for a January 1, 2027 effective date — an election within existing participation, no new plan or vendor.

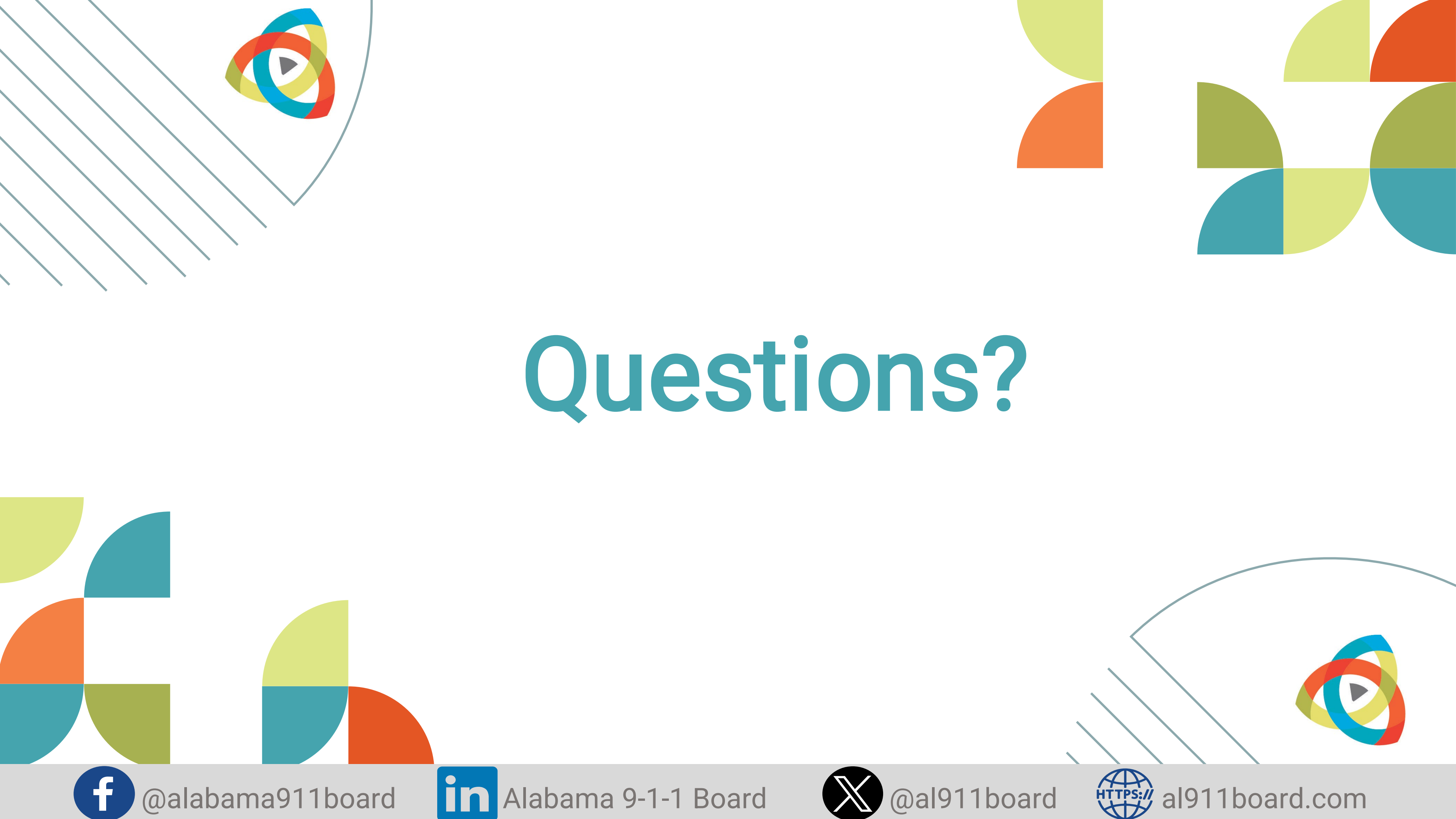
12- and 18-month plan

The Board's roadmap of what it intends to accomplish over the next year and a half, prepared for distribution to state officials and legislative leadership.

Five Things to Do

- 1 Reconcile your legacy AT&T accounts**
Before September 30. Missing invoices get harder to obtain once legacy billing ends.
- 2 Answer the financial information request**
Checking, savings, investments, and operating position. It is what the November grant decision will rest on.
- 3 Come to the Monday rules panel at Gulf Coast**
1:00 to 3:50 p.m. with the full advisory group. Written comment taken right after.
- 4 Come to the Finance Committee on Tuesday, October 13**
You are welcome, and your input on the grant criteria is wanted.
- 5 Get your comment on the record by November 18**
Comment closes at the conclusion of the hearing that day. There is no window after that.

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CYBER DECISIONS FOR ALABAMA 911

Hands-on training for 911 professionals who need to recognize threats, respond quickly, and keep essential services moving.

SPOT THE THREAT

Phishing
MFA Scams
Vendor Impersonation Fraudulent
Invoices

KNOW THE FIRST MOVE

Pause
Preserve
Verify
Report

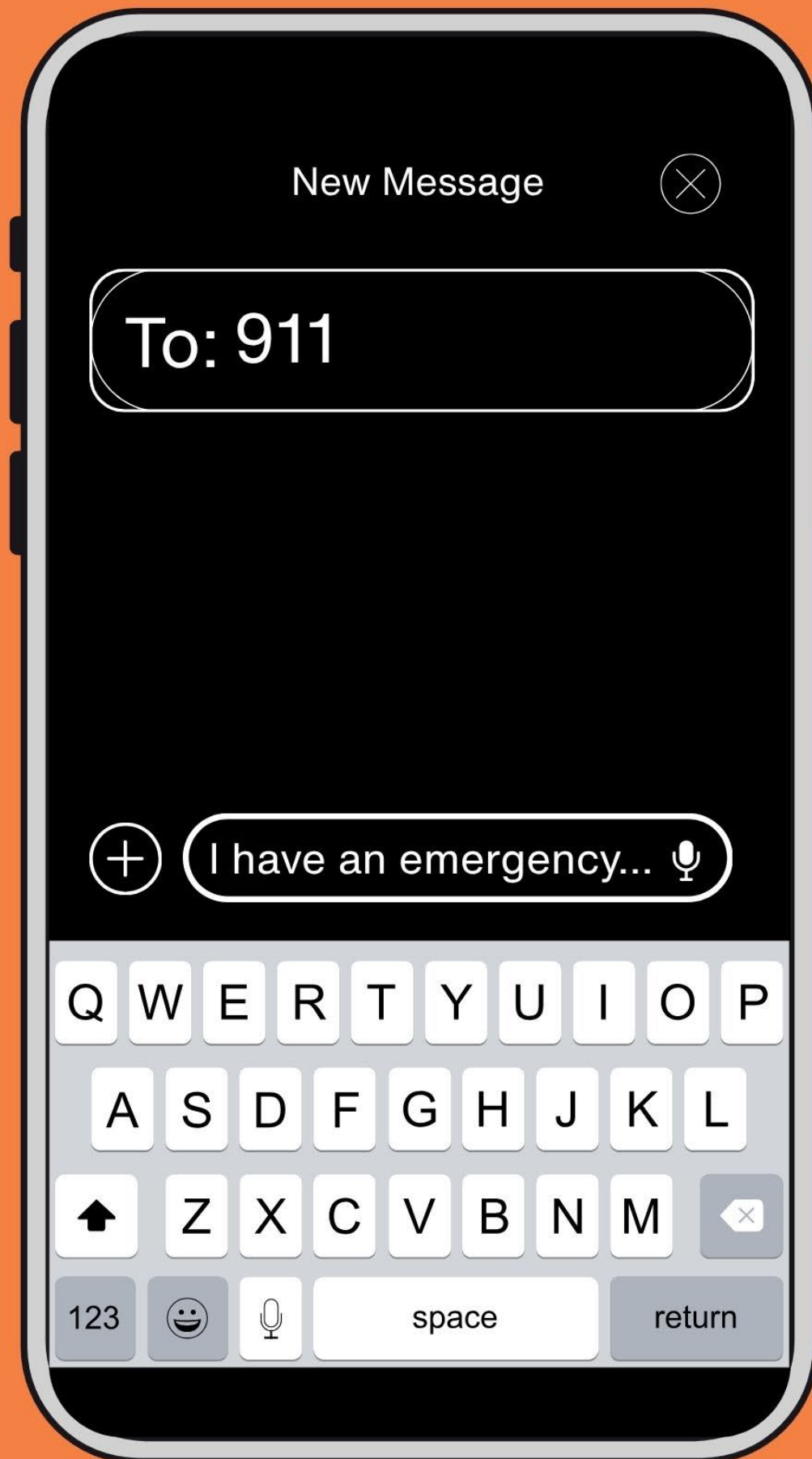
STRENGTHEN THE RESPONSE

Tabletop Exercise
Clear Roles
Better Handoffs
Continuity Planning



Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 8 AM - 4 PM
Colbert County 911





A REMINDER:
Be ready for every
9-1-1 TEXT.

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Reminders

PST CERTIFICATION REIMBURSEMENT

Request for Payment for PST
Certification submissions made by the 10th will be paid out at the end of the month. Anything submitted after the 10th will be paid at the end of the following month. You can find more information [on our website](#).



FY26 Legacy 9-1-1 Cost Reimbursement submissions are due by the 10th of each month. The FY26 form is [here](#).



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aggregate your GIS
data to the State office
VEP every two weeks.



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