

SECTION 11 - EXPLANATION OF TERMS

AGENCY

For 911 or E911 service, the government agency(s) designated as having responsibility for the control and staffing of the emergency report center.

ALTERNATE ROUTING ("AR")

Allows E911 calls to be routed to a designated alternate location if (1) all E911 exchange lines to the primary PSAP (see definition of PSAP below) are busy, or (2) the primary PSAP closes down for a period (night service).

ANALOG

A transmission method employing a continuous (rather than a pulsed or digital) electrical signal that varies in amplitude or frequency in response to changes of sound, light, position, etc., impressed on a transducer in the sending device.

APARTMENTS

A building or group of buildings used primarily to provide complete residential apartments but not lodging on a day-to-day basis.

ASCII

American Standard Code for Information Interchange. An eight-level code for data transfer adopted by the American Standards Association.

ASYNCHRONOUS

Transmission in which each information character is individually synchronized usually by the use of start-stop elements. The gap between each character is not of a fixed length.

AUTHORIZED USER

A person, corporation or other entity who is authorized by the Company's customer to utilize service provided by the Company to the customer. The customer is responsible for all charges incurred by an Authorized User