



September 6, 2013

Ms. Debbie Kalfsbeek, Administrator
Board of Equalization
Special Taxes and Fees Division, MIC: 31
450 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

**SUBJECT: SUBJECT: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE USERS SURCHARGE RATE FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2013-14**

Dear Ms. Kalfsbeek:

As stipulated by Revenue Taxation Code Sections 41030 and 41031, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall determine no later than October 1 of each year, a surcharge rate that will produce sufficient revenues to fund the expenditures authorized in support of California's 9-1-1 program.

Based on revenue projections for FY 13/14, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Public Safety Communications, requests a rate increase from the current level of one-half of 1 percent (.005), the minimum allowed by statute, to the maximum amount of three-fourths of 1 percent (.0075). The SETNA has shown an average yearly decrease of -4.74% since FY 09/10. The Board of Equalization SETNA fund condition statement currently predicts a balance of \$2,000.00 at the end of FY 13/14 compared to a balance of \$40 million in FY 12/13. It is estimated that an increase to .0075 would increase revenue by approximately \$38 million allowing the SETNA to remain solvent in FY 14/15.

If you require additional information, please contact William Anderson, (Interim) Branch Manager, of the California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch, Public Safety Communications at (916) 657-9494.

Sincerely,

Mark Ghilarducci, Director
Governor's Office of Emergency Services

cc: Karen Wong, Assistant Director, Public Safety Communications
William Anderson, (Interim) Branch Manager, California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch
Sid Matsumoto, Business Taxes Specialist II, Special Taxes and Fees Division, Board of Equalization