

## **HB444 Criminal Law – Interference with a Public Safety Answering Point – Penalties**

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I respectfully request HB444 - Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point – Penalties be passed into law. I worked in the Anne Arundel County 9-1-1 center for 35+ years (1984-2020). In the past several years there have been numerous instances of cyber-attacks on 9-1-1 centers across the country. It is unfathomable to me that anyone would want to take down a 9-1-1 center, but sadly they do. HB444 moves to make those who seek to disrupt 9-1-1 operations in Maryland, therefore the health and safety of the public, to be found guilty of a felony.

- 1) MD, Baltimore City 9-1-1 was attacked March 25th 2018, bringing down 9-1-1 operations.
- 2) MD, Baltimore City Gov't was attacked in 2019.
- 3) MD, St Mary's County was attacked going into the Thanksgiving weekend of 2016. Fortunately, their IT person on duty picked up on the activity in time to secure their system and recover.

The following page has data on several other Public Safety agencies that have been breached. **PLEASE** note the three 9-1-1 centers in California all hit the same day. As you can see, these criminals can shut down several 9-11 centers operations in little time. It is **CRITICAL** Maryland pass this legislation and hold those who disrupt the safety of Maryland residents accountable.

I urge you to vote YES for HB444

Thank you.

## 01-23-2024-PA-Bucks C...

STATUS

New

STATE

Pennsylvania

DELIVERY

Unknown

EXPLOIT

Ransomware

TARGET

Public Safety

TARGETED GROUP

Bucks County Department of  
Emergency Communications

COUNTY

Bucks

VENDOR/3RD PARTY?

No

IMPACTED VENDOR/3RD PARTY

ARTICLE DATE

1/23/2024

HEADLINE

Cybersecurity incident impacting  
Bucks County's emergency  
communication system

State

California

Delivery

Unknown

Exploit

Ransomware

Target

Public Safety

Targeted Group

Manhattan Beach

County

Los Angeles

Vendor/3rd party?

No

Impacted Vendor/3rd Party

Article Date

7/16/2024

Headline

911 services in parts of California  
come under cyber attack

Excerpt 1

California's 911 services have  
been disrupted by ransomware  
amid a spate of cyber attacks on  
the Golden State.

Excerpt 2

State

California

Delivery

Unknown

Exploit

Ransomware

Target

Public Safety

Targeted Group

Culver City

County

Los Angeles

Vendor/3rd party?

No

Impacted Vendor/3rd Party

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Delivery

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Exploit

Ransomware

Target

Public Safety

Targeted Group

Hermosa Beach

County

Los Angeles

Vendor/3rd party?

No

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## 03-20-2024-MI-Branch ...

STATUS

New

STATE

Michigan

DELIVERY

Phishing

EXPLOIT

Malware

TARGET

Public Safety

TARGETED GROUP

Branch County

COUNTY

Branch

VENDOR/3RD PARTY?

No

IMPACTED VENDOR/3RD PARTY

ARTICLE DATE

3/20/2024

HEADLINE

Quincy pays county to clean  
malware off police computer