

How many local responder agencies have been included in the planning and deployment process of SERVS?

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) provided detailed information in its most recent submission of written materials to the Legislative Oversight & Investigations Committee on next steps in the expansion of the Statewide Emergency Responder Voice System (SERVS) to local entities, as well as current user groups benefitting from SERVS. Please see below from November meeting.

SERVS User Agency Status Update

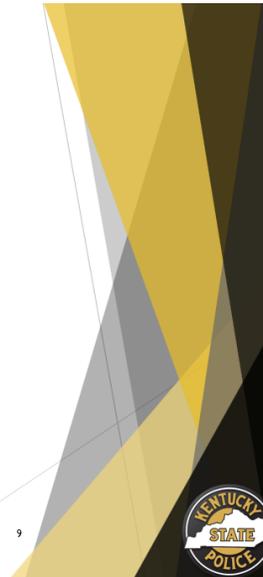
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| • State Police Post 1 and 2 | Fully operational |
| • State Police Post 16 | Testing |
| • Graves County Sheriff's Office | MOU Executed |
| • Mayfield Police Department | MOU Executed/Testing |
| • Mayfield Fire/EMS Department | MOU Executed |

Status

Currently in Process

- | | |
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| • Simpson County | • Fleming County - Flemingsburg |
| • Concord Fire (McCracken Co) | • Pendleton County |
| • Calloway County Fire | • Rockcastle County |
| • Hart County | • Lincoln County |
| • Elizabethtown PD | • Morgan County |
| • Carroll County | • Boyd County Sheriff |
| • Grant County | • KY Department of Corrections |
| • Floyd County - Prestonsburg | • KY Fish and Wildlife |



KSP presents annually on SERVS at the Kentucky Emergency Management COMEX. Additionally, when areas become fully operational, KSP communicates this with the federal, state, and local agencies on operational availability. KSP Communications Branch continues to assist local entities navigating radio communications and interoperability, and it works to ensure agencies are educated on the end goals for this system.

On Dec. 9, the Graves County Sheriff's Office, Mayfield Police Department and Mayfield Fire and EMS became the first local agencies to connect to the new system, ensuring reliable communications between first responders.

KSP Posts 1 and 2, which collectively serve Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg, and Webster Counties, already use SERVS, which allows KSP enhanced radio communications with 9-1-1 dispatch. The radio system is free for agencies to use if their equipment is compatible. With the transitioning of the Graves County Sheriff's Office, Mayfield Police Department, and Mayfield Fire and EMS to the KSP radio system, all agencies will communicate on the same network, leaving no gaps in communication and increasing efficiency.

This radio system in Western Kentucky was completed in April 2025, and by spring of next year, KSP Post 3 and Post 16 will be capable of supporting local users, guaranteeing first responder communications coverage for hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians.

KSP has also collaborated with numerous agencies to acquire land and infrastructure that enhance or correct coverage gaps within SERVVS. Coverage gaps are identified through system analysis, which determines the specific locations requiring improvement. Once a gap is identified, local agencies are contacted to explore the availability of land or tower space that could support SERVVS expansion in that area.

This process was successful in Hart County, where SERVVS coverage was insufficient. Working closely with the county's 9-1-1 coordinator, KSP secured an available tower site. This acquisition will allow SERVVS equipment to be installed to strengthen communications and improve public safety operations in Hart County.

Other local agencies assisting with land acquisition discussions:

1. Boyd County Sheriff's Office – KSP reviewed several existing sites and one new possible site, but none of these locations would correct the gap in coverage.
2. Prestonsburg Police Department – KSP and this department are working together on a land transfer to the state.
3. Trigg County Sheriff's Office – KSP and this department worked together to acquire land from the Barkley Lake Water District.
4. Ballard County – KSP and this entity worked together to acquire land at the Ballard County Jail.
5. Simpson County – KSP is working with Emergency Management, Simpson County Sheriff's Office, and Franklin Police Department.

Please identify the most recently acquired real property for SERVVS, and how long the process took to acquire it?

There are 54 sites in process for acquisition. 50 sites are under real property consulting contracts, each at different stages of the acquisition process. The Finance & Administration Cabinet's Division of Real Property is directly managing four sites, three of which have offers made, and one is pending closure. The last property that was fully acquired was from the Hart County Fiscal Court. It took approximately one year and five months to complete the acquisition.