NENA NG9-1-1 Project History

NENA began the process of redesigning the 9-1-1 service system in 2000, with discussion among the Technical Committee leaders about future 9-1-1 needs and concepts to support them. In 2001, the NENA Board President and 1st VP inquired about whether the Technical Committee would pursue this effort as a NENA organizational goal. The following sequence is a general history of this effort.

2001  Technical Committee leaders conceptualize the NENA Future Path Plan
2003  Open Conference held in Atlanta to discuss potential of IP as the base protocol for future 9-1-1 Technical Development Committee formed for IP design for future system Operations Committee formed for future system
2004  NG9-1-1 picked as name for future IP-based 9-1-1 system

June – proposal to NENA Board to form a Policy arm of the NG9-1-1 Project, on basis that funding, regulation, legislation, governance and other policy areas had to solved in parallel with technical design work
2005  Formation of what is now known as the Next Generation Partners Program
2006  NG9-1-1 Transition Planning Committee initiated, as joint Tech and Operations endeavor
2009  ICE Steering Committee for interoperability testing formed, NENA sponsored, vendor led

The first ICE was held in November 2009; four have been held, with another four planned
2010  NG9-1-1 Education Steering Committee formed, joint NENA/APCO effort

As of March 2011, about 15 standards and other documents on NG9-1-1 have been produced, with an equal number planned. Go to http://www.nena.org/ng911-project for a list.

The NG9-1-1 Project is coordinated by the Project Lead Team, made up by ten NENA committee leaders, shown below.

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The diagram below shows the overall group organization of the NENA NG9-1-1 Project.