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Abstract

This Standard defines the Stage 2 (architecture) and Stage 3 (protocol) specifications for an IMS-based NG9-1-1 Service Architecture. This Standard includes the architecture, functional elements, call flows, protocols, and interfaces which were derived from the Stage 1 requirements in ATIS-0500023, “Applying Common IMS to NG9-1-1 Networks”.

Foreword

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The ESIF IP Multimedia Subsystem for 9-1-1 (IMS911) subgroup led this joint work effort that addresses the application of common IMS (Stage 1, 2, and 3) for the processing, transport, and/or delivery of Emergency Service calls within the NG9-1-1 network to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). This is a joint effort with the Emergency Services Interconnection Forum Next Generation Emergency Service (ESIF NGES) Subcommittee, Packet Technologies and Systems Committee (PTSC) and the Wireless Technologies and Systems Committee Systems and Network Subcommittee (WTSC SN).

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Preface

ATIS has developed a Next Generation 9-1-1 network and emergency call processing architecture based on contributions received since 2011 and based on requirements by a number of wireless carriers to have an IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS)-compatible NG9-1-1 design[1]. Additionally, the NENA i3 Architecture Working Group[2] deferred the IMS-based Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) development to ATIS. ATIS' goal in developing this standard has been transparent interoperability between the two network designs.

ATIS' intent in this development work was to produce a standard method for IMS-based carriers to offer NG9-1-1 services wholly within their IMS platforms, while maintaining consistency and interoperability with the NENA i3 ESInet/NGCS (Next Generation Core Services) design goals. This kind of standards approach allows IMS-based carriers to take advantage of complete IMS interoperability and features found in their existing IMS ecosystems, while still remaining interoperable with downstream i3 PSAPs that implement NENA i3 standards and interfaces.

It is also ATIS' goal to assure that terminating NG9-1-1 entities, such as i3 PSAPs, find the upstream networks that are built on the ATIS IMS-based NG9-1-1 Service Architecture to be as completely interoperable with their systems and networks as that of a NENA i3 NG9-1-1 standard SIP-based architecture. This goal of transparency, both upstream and downstream between architectures, ensures that an i3 PSAP should find no difference whether the i3 PSAP interconnects to a NENA i3 ESInet with NGCS, or interconnects to an ATIS IMS-based NG9-1-1 Service Architecture. This consistent interoperability principle has guided all of ATIS' development work since the beginning, as documented within the original Issue Statement underlying this work.

The ATIS IMS-based NG9-1-1 Service Architecture provides compatibility for IMS-based carriers acting as an NG9-1-1 System Service Provider (911SSP) to seamlessly interoperate with NENA i3 ESInet architectures.

For entities early in the process of selecting ESInet solutions, the expectation within this ATIS development work was that the ATIS IMS-based NG9-1-1 Service Architecture would offer a choice for carriers that already had an IMS ecosystem, but not be considered a viable architecture choice for 9-1-1 service entities that had no plans for an IMS infrastructure.

Public Safety entities should naturally understand the applicability of an IMS-based NG9-1-1 Service Architecture network approach to processing emergency calls, yet in this case, they can remain confidently focused on NENA i3-based NG9-1-1 architectures, (this is because IMS may be of interest to carriers, not to jurisdictions), which means that Public Safety's progress and momentum to adopt NG9-1-1 will not be impeded by the introduction of this ATIS NG9-1-1 Service Architecture standard.

[1] IMS is a set of standards based on the IETF RFC 3261 [Ref 18] family of standards that also introduces additional requirements, specific for carrier operators not differentiated in the more general SIP RFCs.

[2] The NENA i3 Architecture Working Group developed NENA-STA-010.3 [Ref 27].