

# **Next Generation 9-1-1 Texting, Video Calling and Network Management**

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# Welcome

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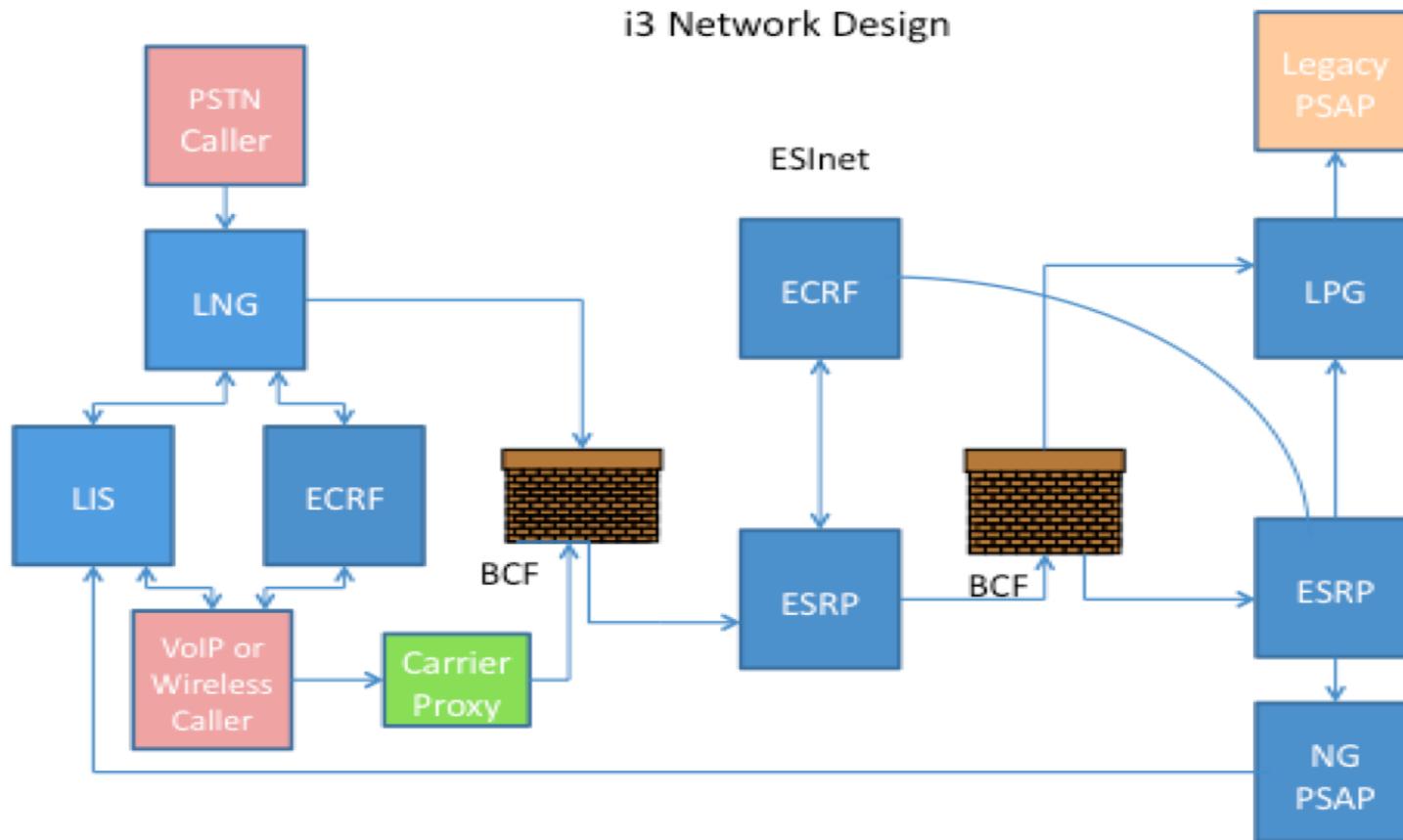
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# Topics

- Purpose
- NG 9-1-1 Call Flow
- NENA ICE5 at IIT RTCL
- ESInet Security
- NG 9-1-1 System Reliability
- Network Management
- Path Forward

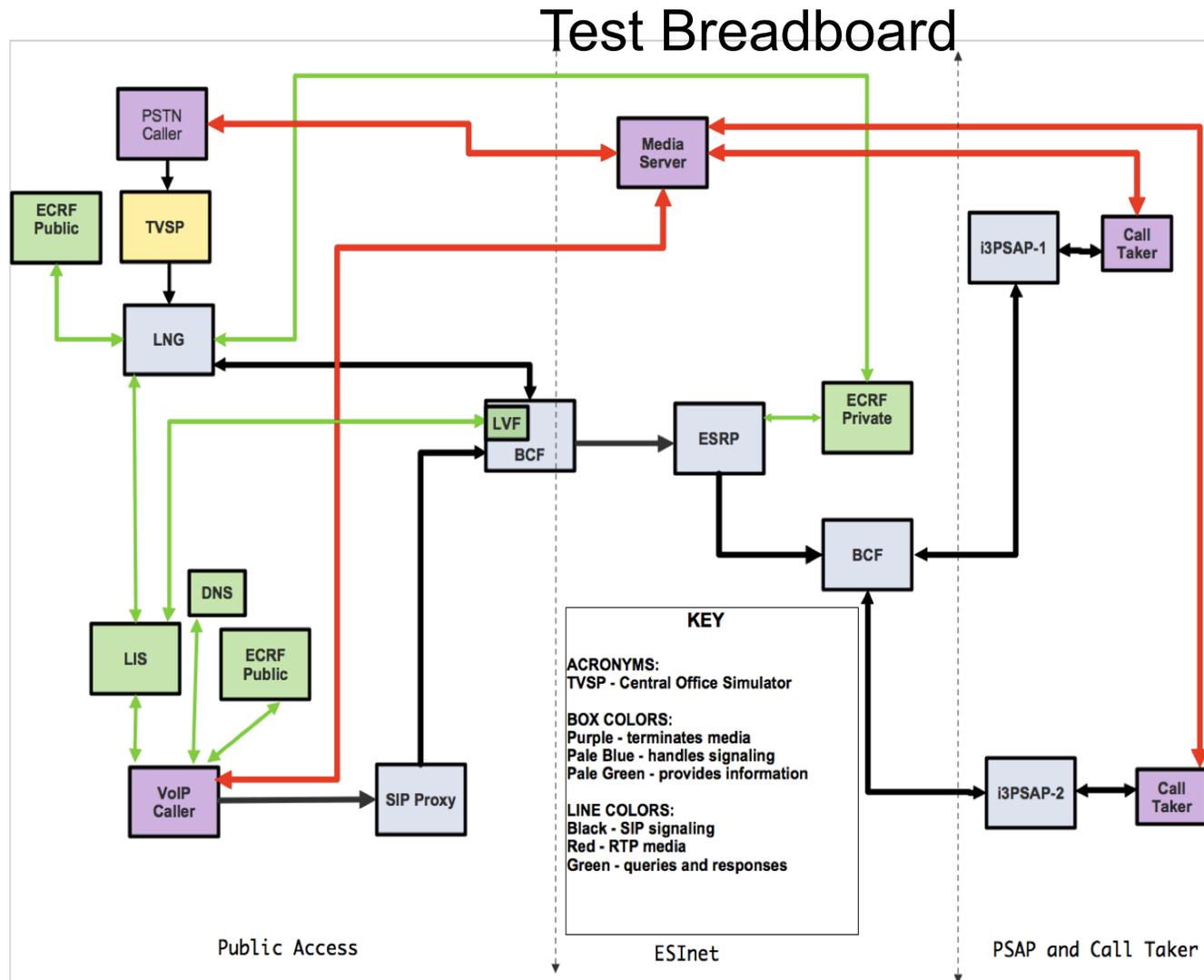
# Purpose

- Public Safety Migration to NG 9-1-1
  - Experience
  - Public Safety
    - Legal
    - Financial
    - Managerial
  - Challenges
    - Maintenance  
General Overload
    - Event Related Overload



Call Flow Drawing courtesy of Brian Rosen; IIT RTCL Conference and Expo Tutorial 2011

Full text on [www.assure911.net](http://www.assure911.net)

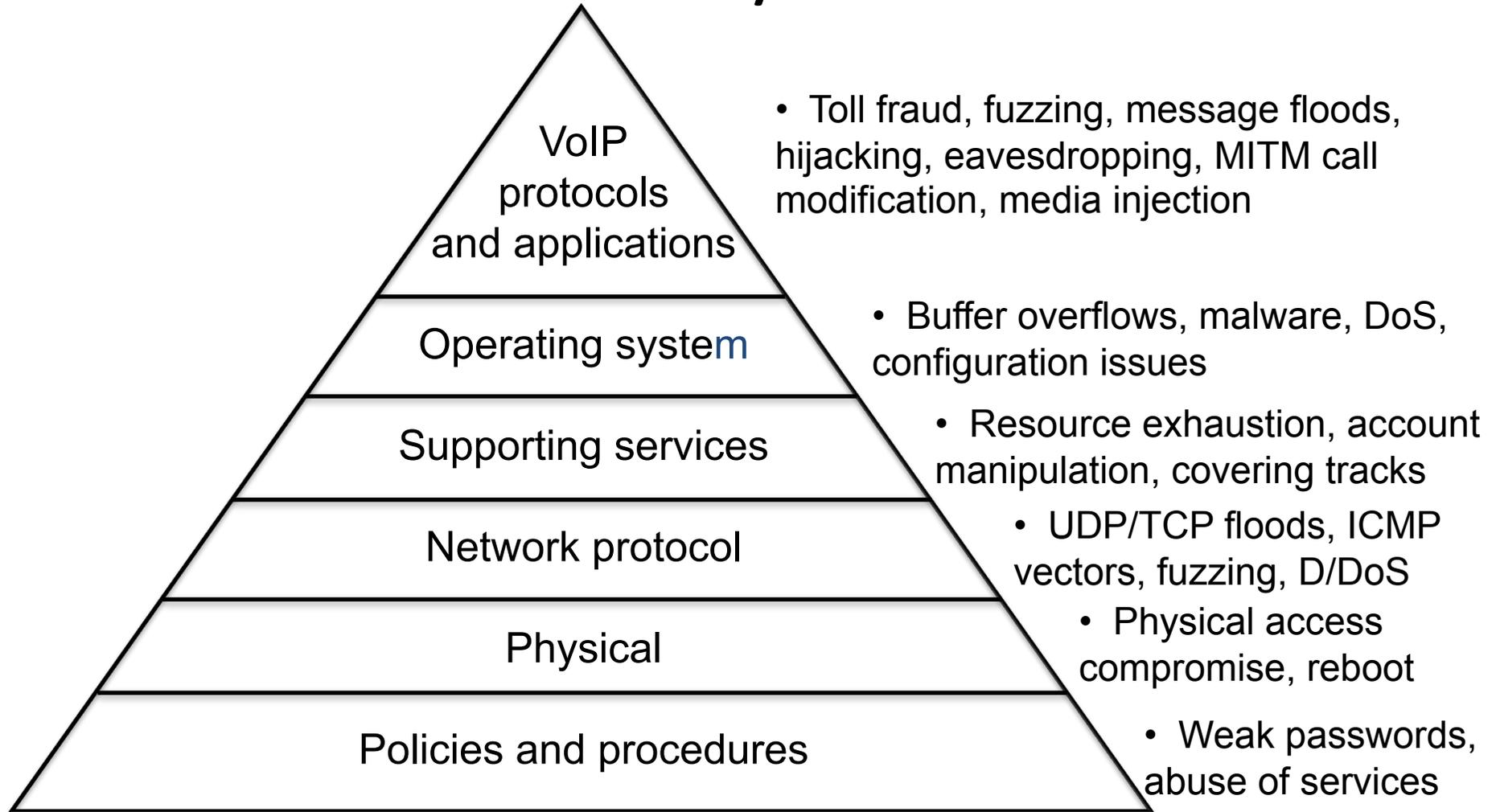




# Security

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- Goal: Protect the Next Generation 9-1-1 Network against Denial of Service Attacks and Overloads
- NENA definition of a Border Control Function (BCF)
- Product: Session Border Controller (SBC) – more than a firewall

# Where are Risks/Vulnerabilities



# Threat Landscape

Threat	Example	Result
Reconnaissance scan	Address or port scan used to footprint network topology	Targeted denial of service, fraud, theft of service
Man-in-the-middle	Attacker intercepts session to impersonate (spoof) caller	Targeted denial of service, breach of privacy, fraud, theft
Eavesdropping	Attacker sniffs session	Breach of privacy, fraud, theft
Session hijacking	Attacker compromises valuable information by re-routing call	Breach of privacy, fraud, theft
Session overloads	Excessive signaling or media (malicious, non-malicious)	Denial of service
Protocol fuzzing	Malformed packets, semantically or syntactically incorrect flows	Denial of service
Media injection	Attacker inserts unwanted or corrupt content into messages	Denial of service, fraud

# Border Control Function (BCF)

- A BCF sits between external networks and the ESInet and between the ESInet and agency networks. All traffic from external networks transits a BCF.
- The BCF comprises several distinct elements pertaining to network edge control and SIP message handling.
- Border Firewall
  - Access control
  - Protect from malware attacks
- Session Border Control
  - Prevention
  - Detection
  - Reaction

# Session Border Control (SBC)

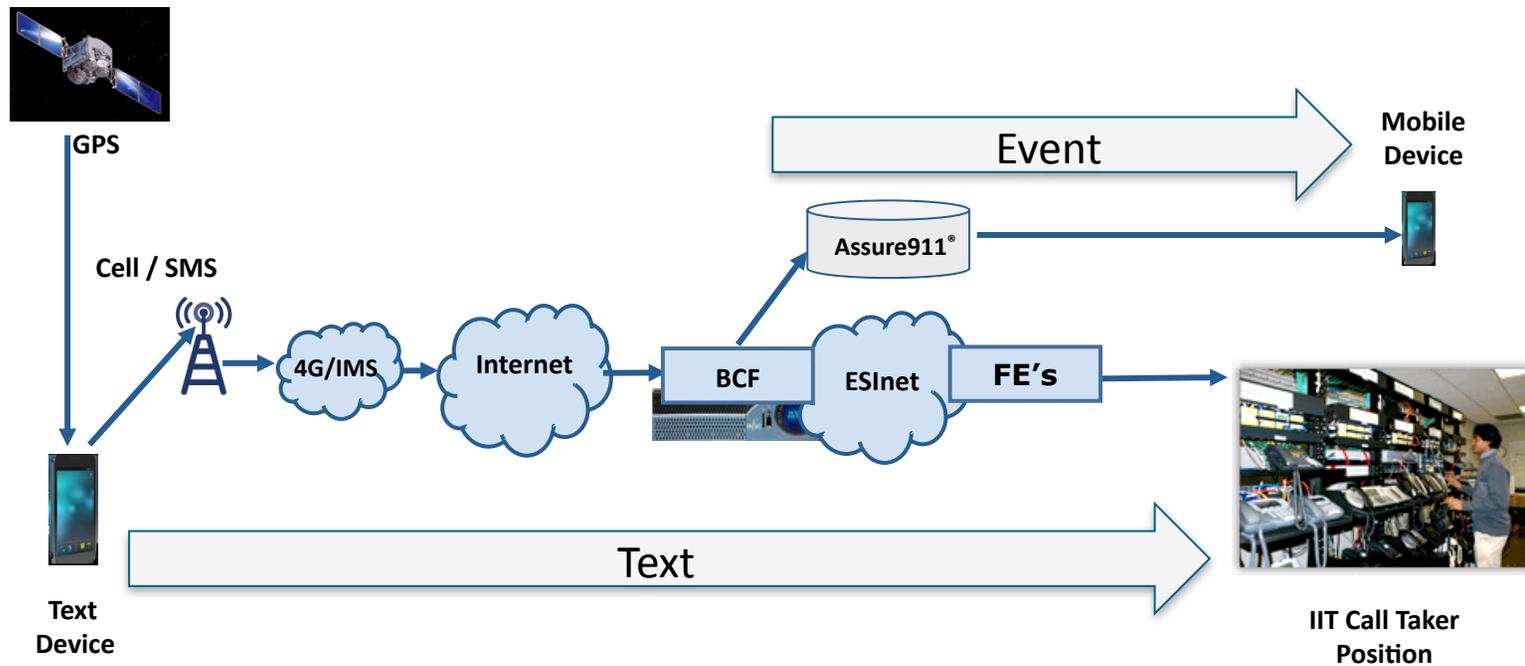
- Protecting live global IP communications networks
- Functional element within BCF
  - DOS/DDOS protection, overload, resource admission control
  - SIP normalization
  - Resolve NAT issues
  - Open/close pinholes
  - B2BUA
  - IPV4-IPV6 interworking
  - VPN bridging
  - Transport and encryption: signaling and/or media
  - QoS marking, priority, reporting
  - Call detail records
  - Transcoding

# NENA Reference Documents

- Requirements, standards, procedures, practices
  - Reference NG-SEC 75-001
  - Auditing, and assessing levels of security and risk to NG9-1-1 entities, assets or elements, and exception approval / risk acceptance process in the case of non-compliance to these guidelines
- Network
  - Reference NID 08-506
  - Information that will assist in developing the requirements for and/or designing ESInets capable of meeting the requirements of an NG9-1-1 system
- Functional Elements
  - Reference NENA i3 08-003
  - Describes the detailed functional elements and interfaces to those functional elements

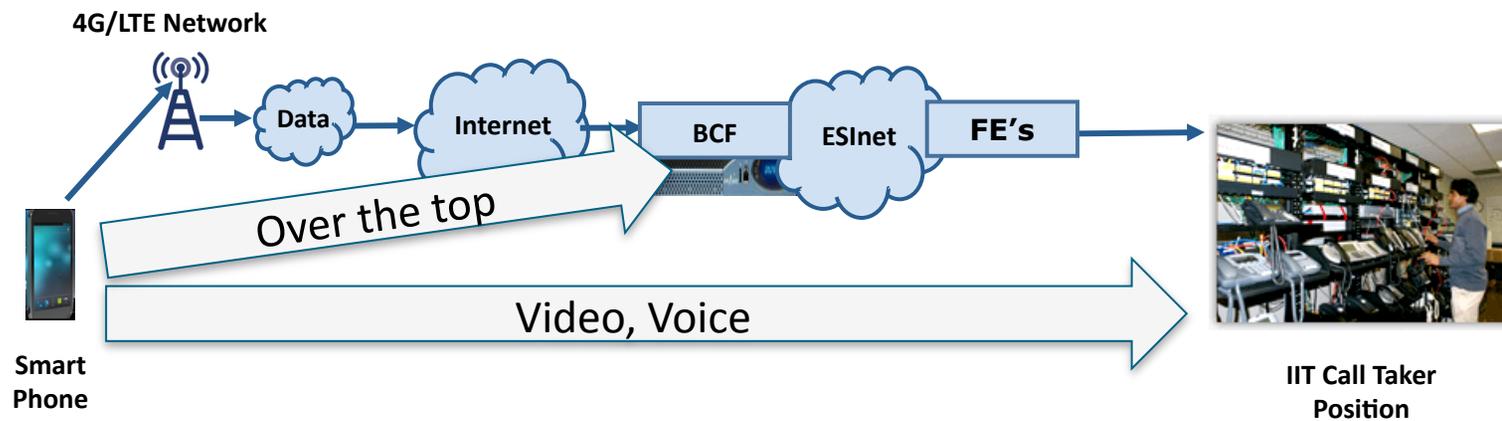
## Secure Text Demo – with alert

- Cellular network origination (SMS)
- Using test number (not 911)
- 4G/IMS->i3 ESInet (secured)
- Event sent in parallel(keyword "bomb")



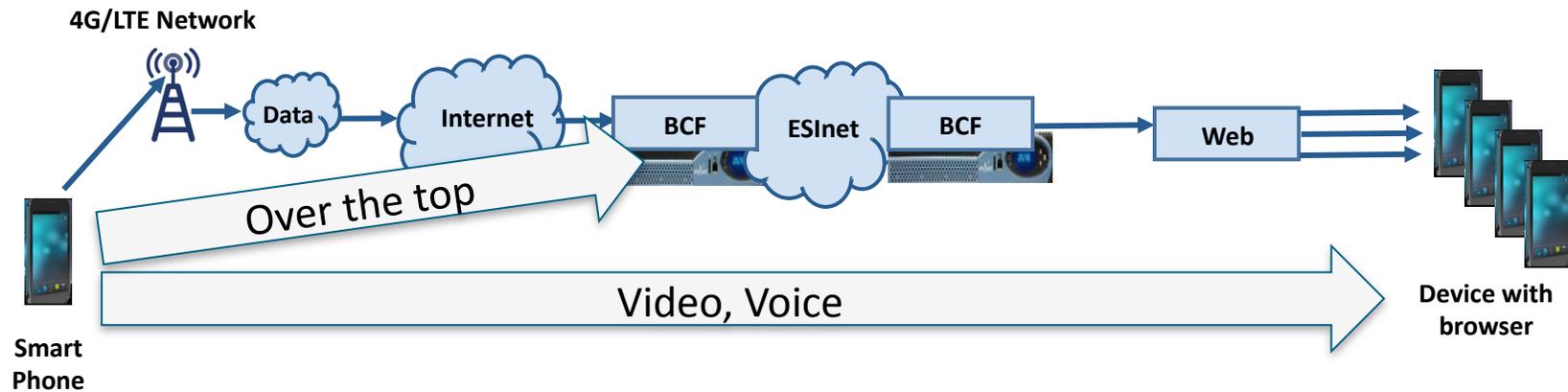
## Secure Video Demo

- Android device
- Over the top 4G/LTE
- ESInet (secured)



## Secure Video Demo – with broadcast

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- ESInet (secured)

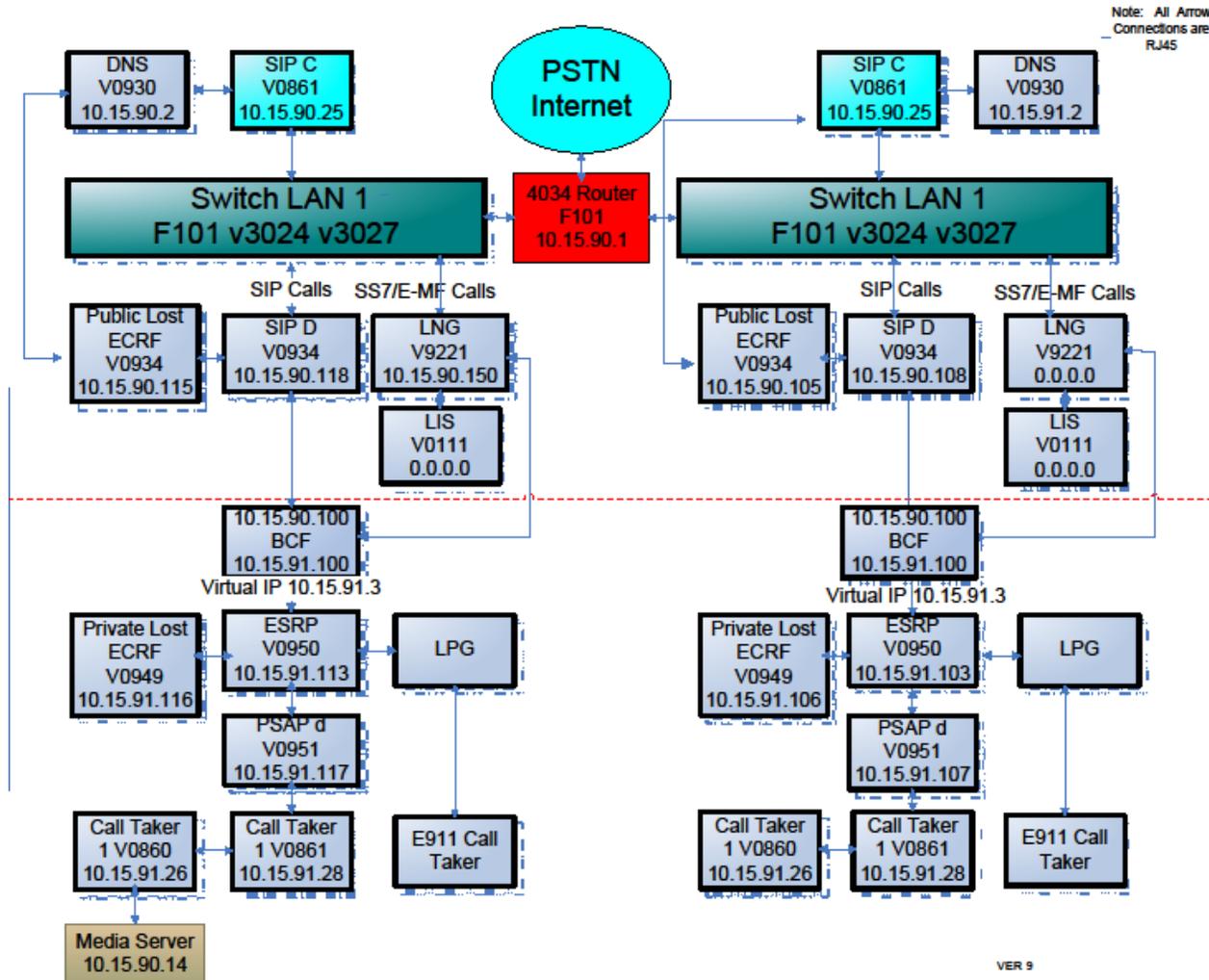


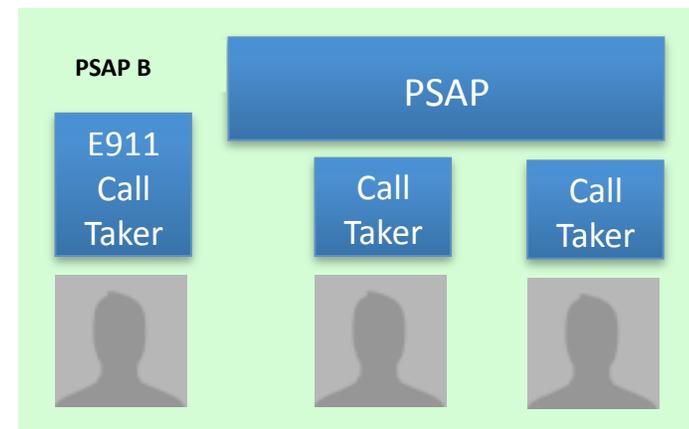
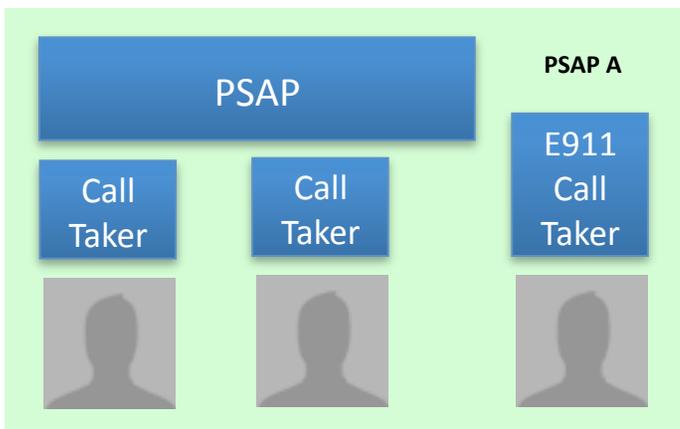
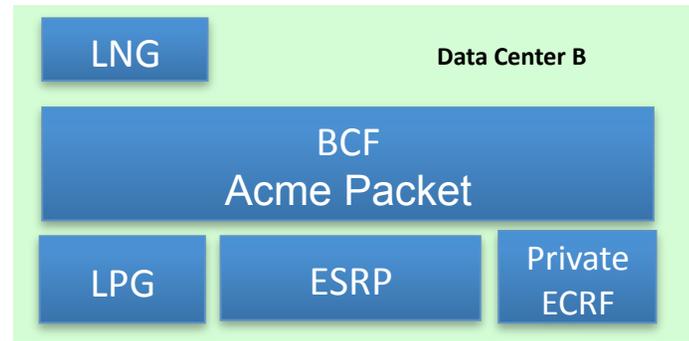
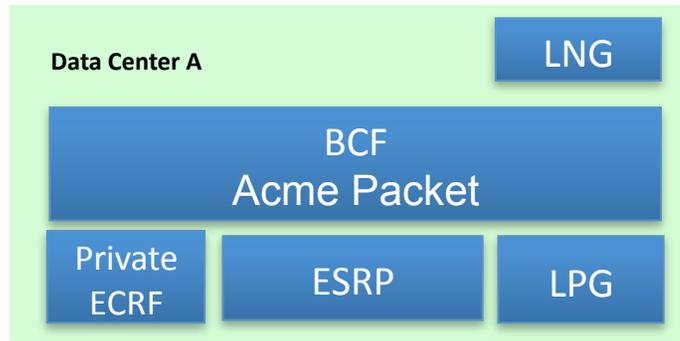


# NG 9-1-1 System Reliability

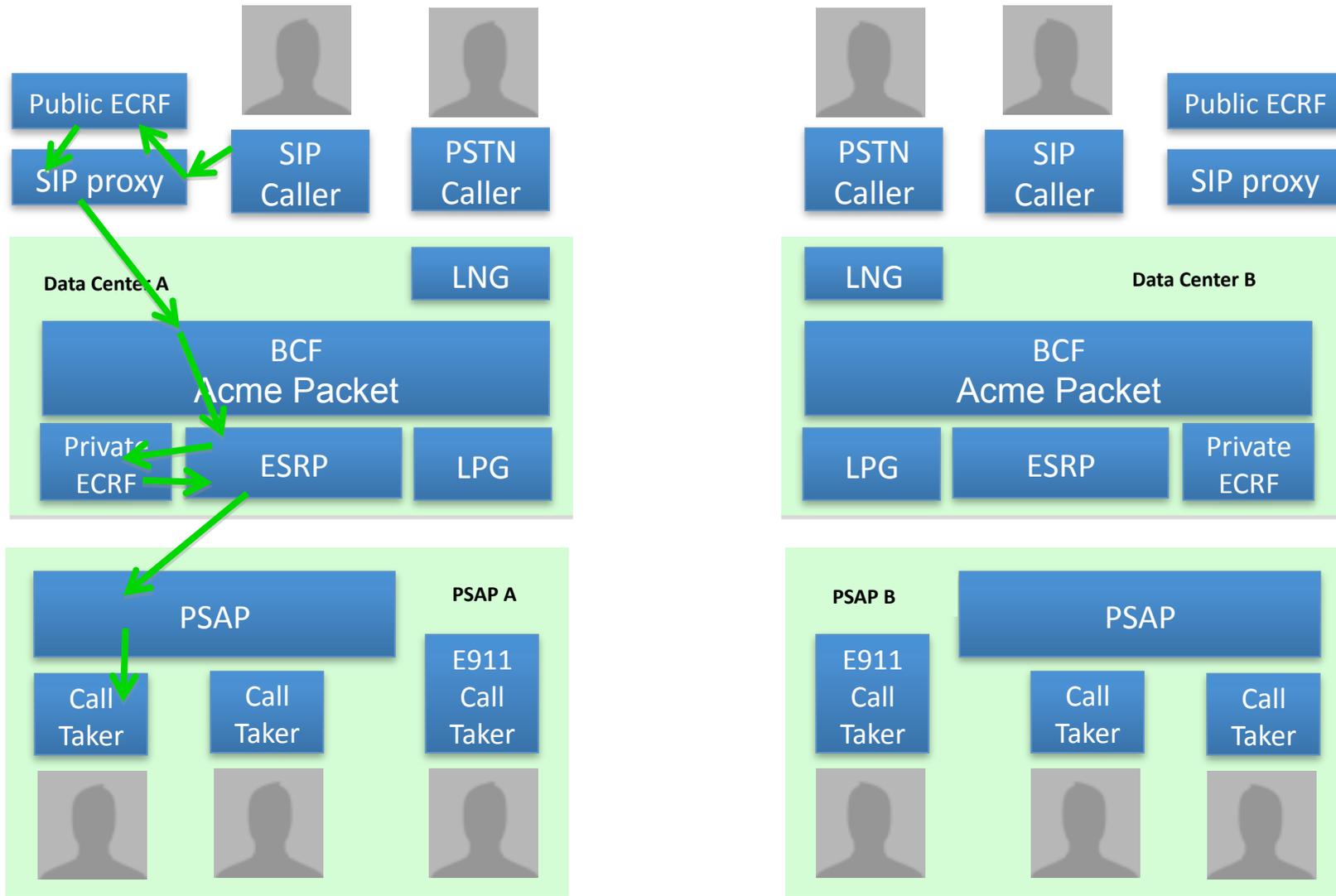
- Testing at IIT funded by Assure911
  - Performed by Joe Cusimano and Kbrom Tewoldu
  - Dual Data Center Configuration
    - Duplex ESInets: Primary/Master- Standby/Slave
  - Resiliency to PSAP and ESRP Failures
    - Including use of IIT UCARP program for IP address resiliency
  - Security: Access Control
  - Performance Under Load

# IIT RTCL ESInet Test Architecture

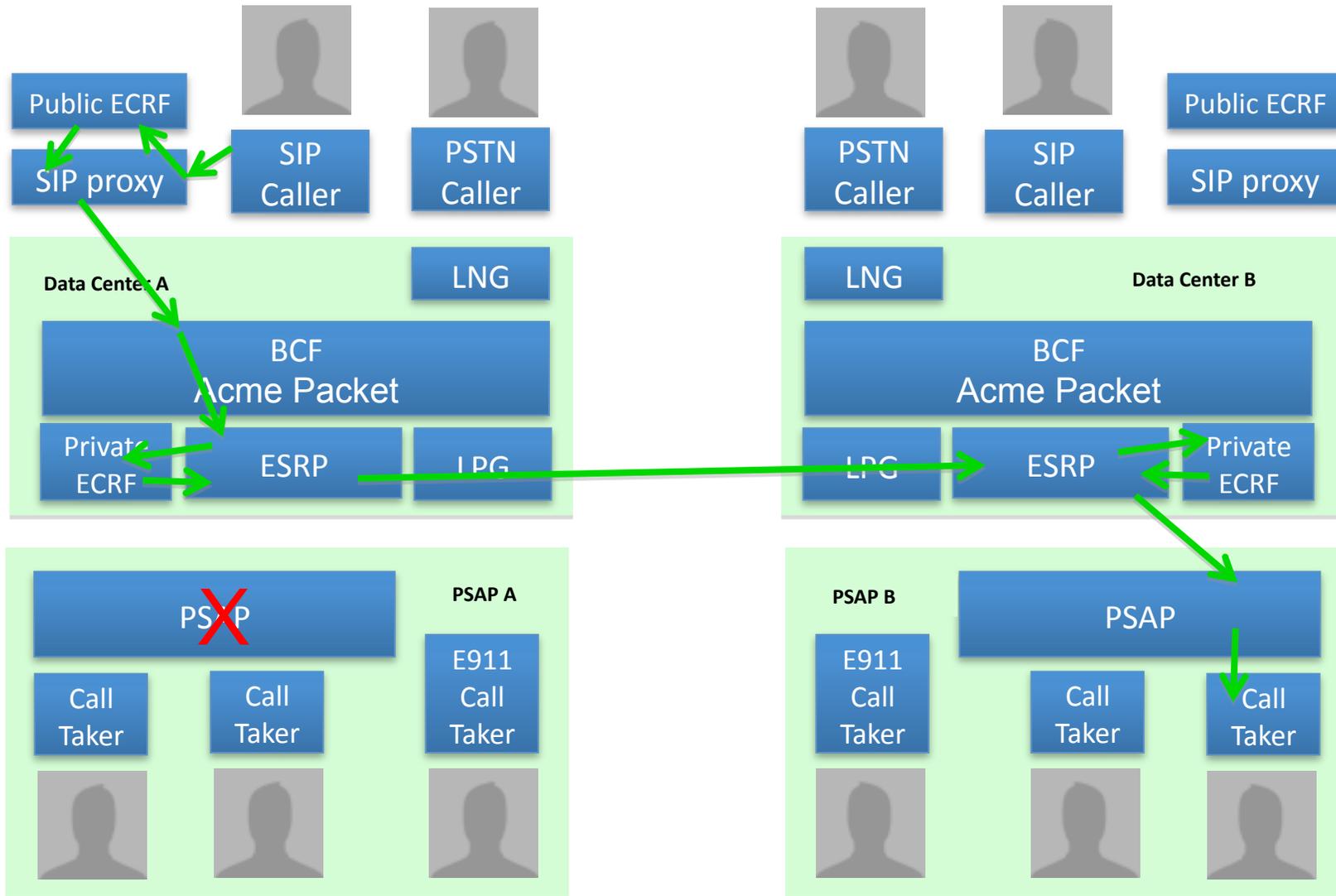




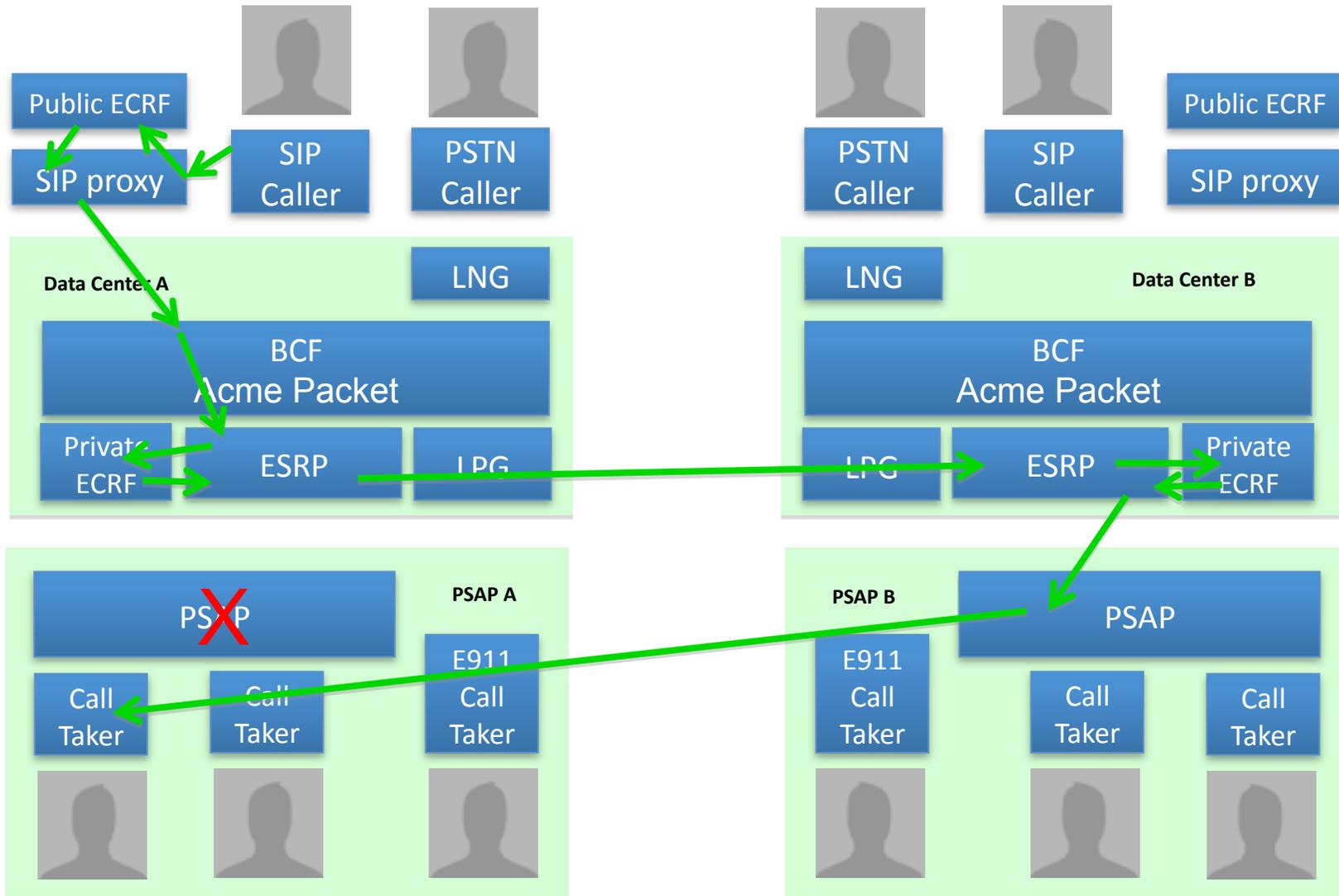
# IIT Lab Testing - Typical SIP Call



# PSAP Failure



# Partial PSAP Failure (Call Takers can register to PSAP B) ASSURE911

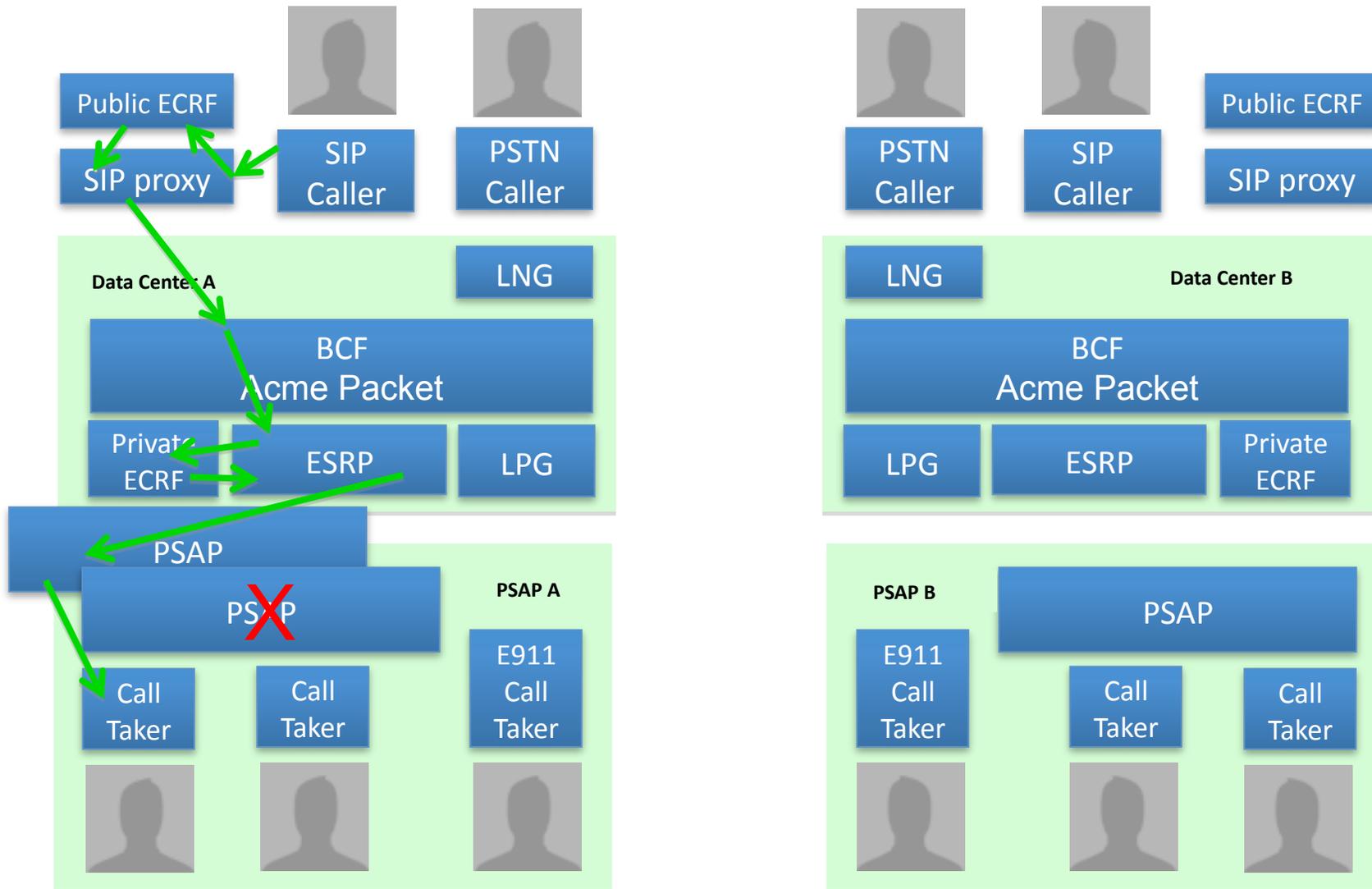




## PSAP Resiliency

- Layer 1 and Layer 2
- UCARP Program running in Background for PSAP Test
- Remove RJ45 from ESInet Primary PSAP 10.15.91.117.
- System Switches from Primary Master to Backup PSAP IP Address 10.15.91.107
- Re-Register PSAP
- Initiate Test Call and Observe Invite Message in the Wire Shark Trace for conformance

# PSAP Server Failure - IP address taken over by backup

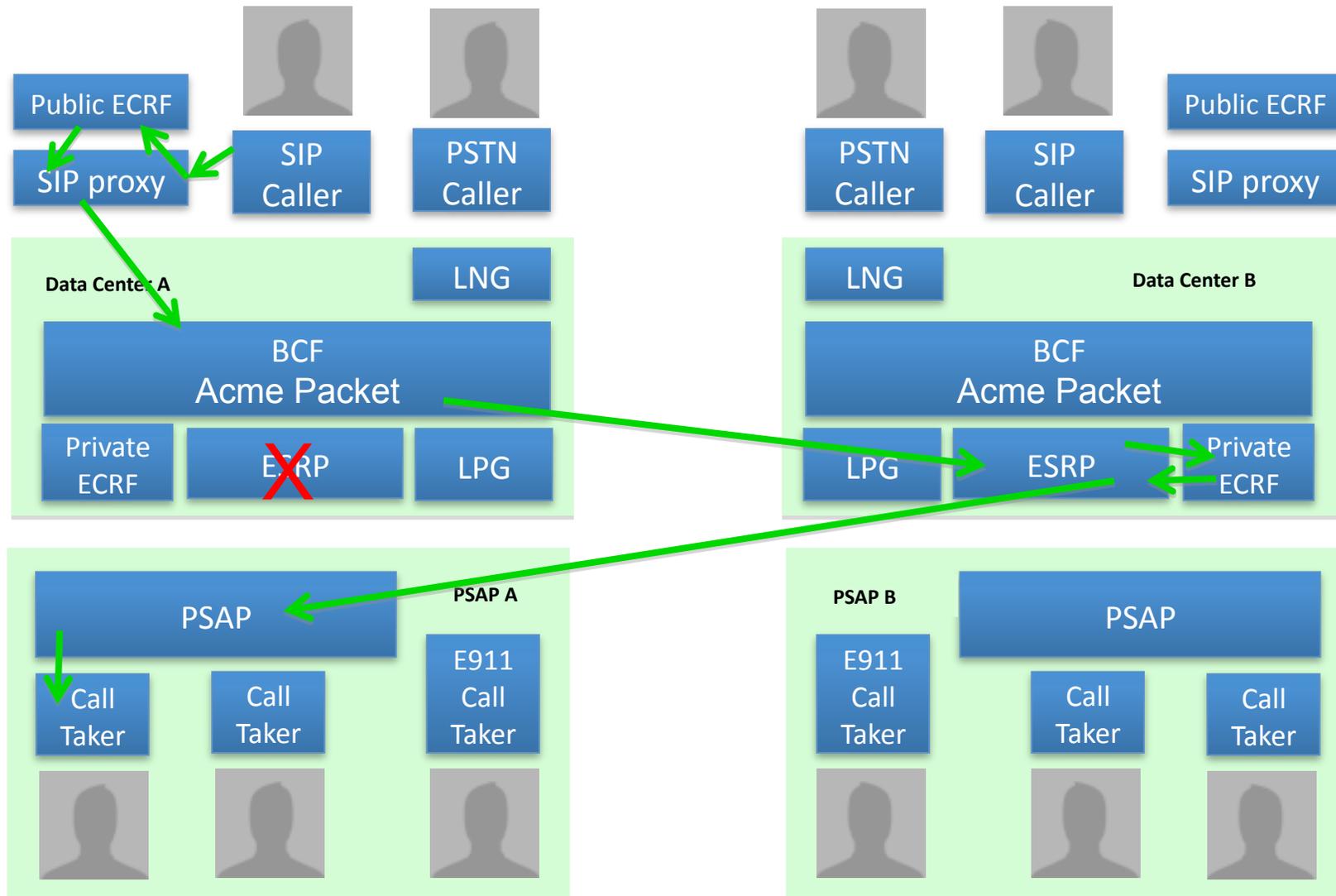




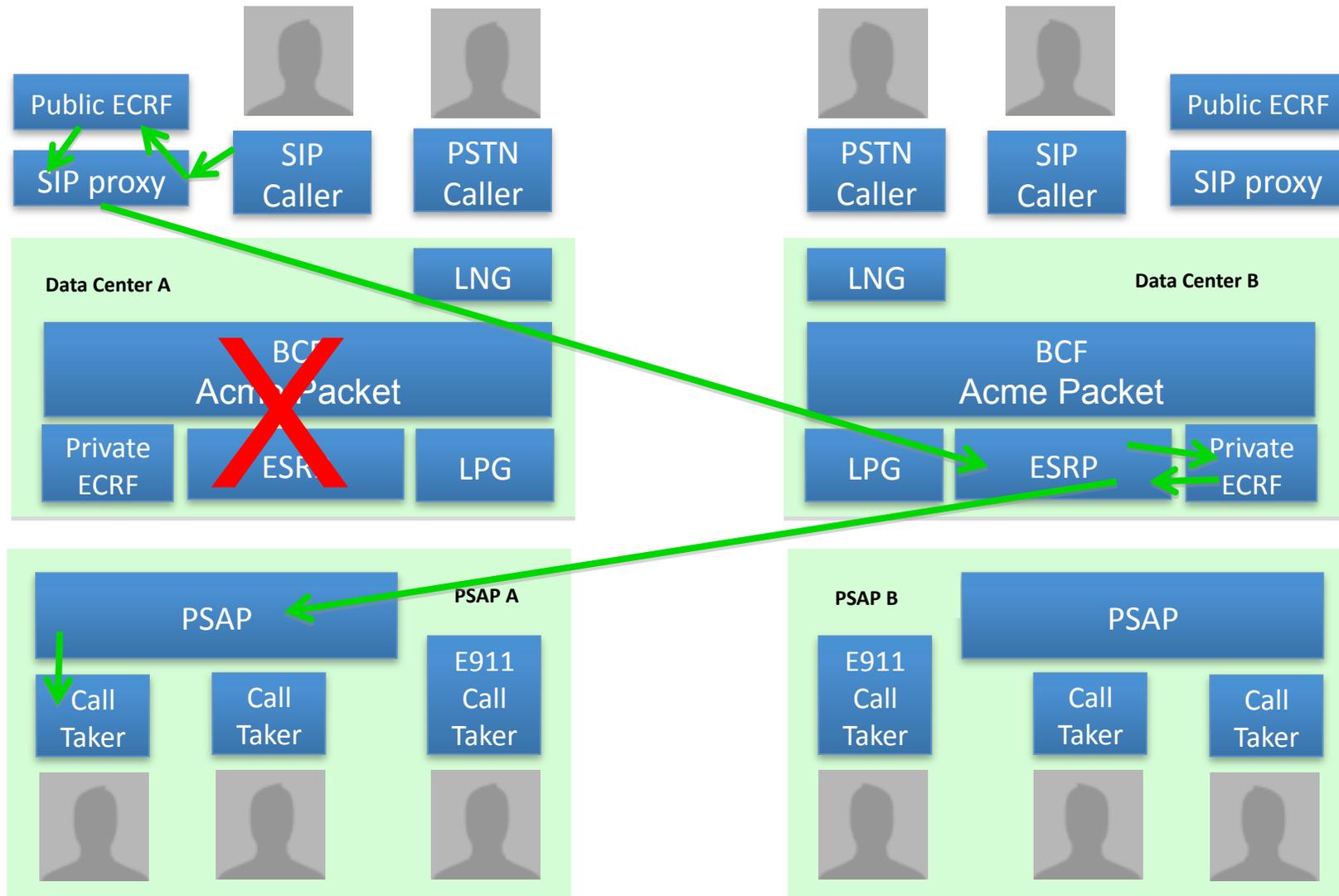
## ESRP Resiliency

- Layer 5 SIP Message Routing Geographic Redundancy
- Acme Packet Session Border Controller (SBC) Configured to hunt to Alternate ESInet ESRP on failure
  
- Remove RJ45 from Primary ESRP
- Initiate test call and observe Wire Shark Trace
- Invite message indicates routing to alternate ESRP
  
- The SBC can be configured to also route invite messages alternately between both ESRPs (Round Robin)

# ESRP Failure



# Data Center Failure





## Security: System Access List

- Once configured with an IP address only addresses on the list are allowed access
- Configure System Access List Using IP Addresses 75.25.58.213 and Laptop LAN Address 10.10.10.20 Netmask 255.255.255.0
- Access Session Border Controller Management Port 10.10.10.17
- Remove 10.10.10.20
- Access SBC a 2<sup>nd</sup> time connection is refused



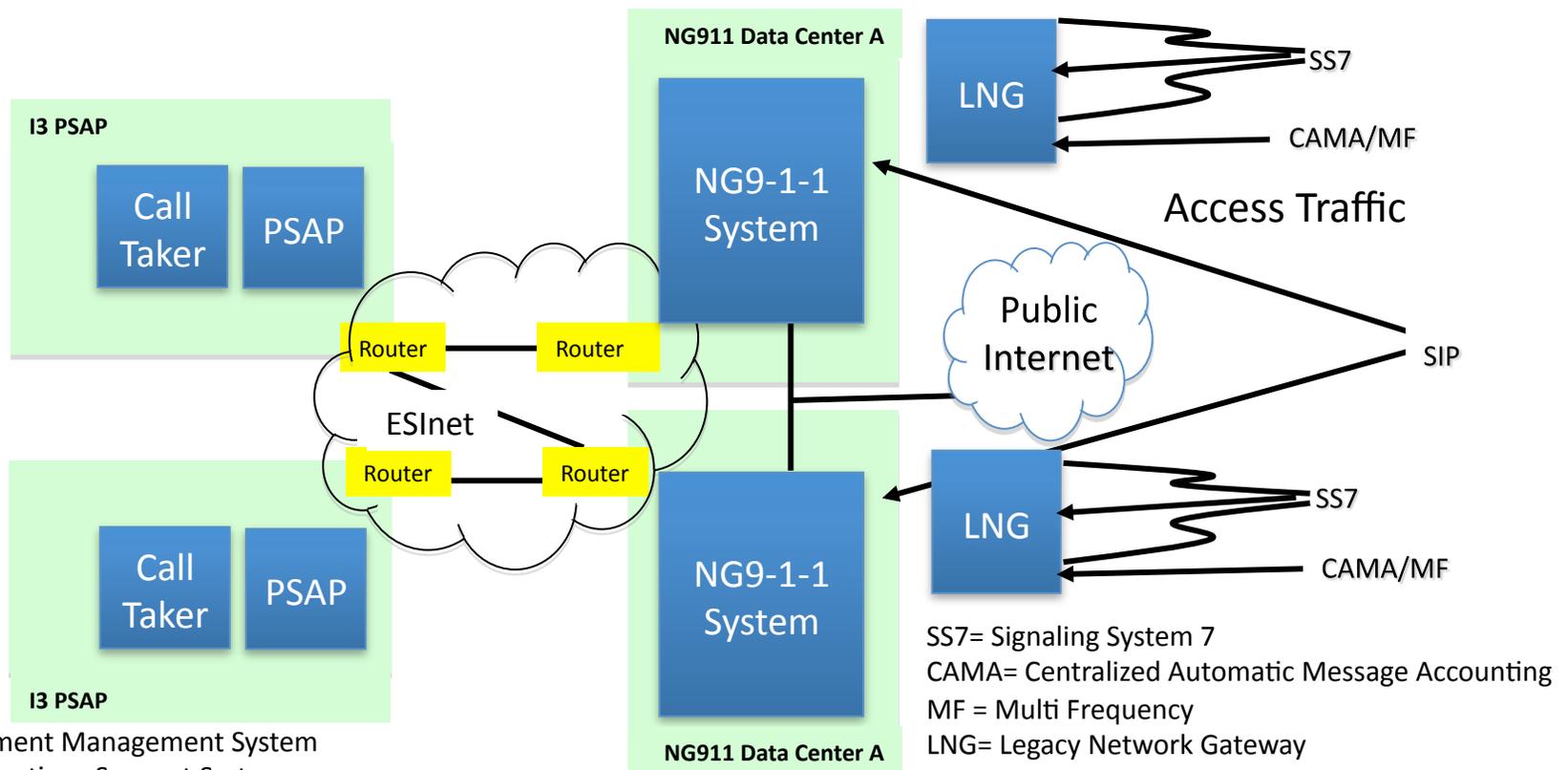
## Performance

- Using the MU-8000 to initiate multiple invites to the ESInet – simulate DDoS
- Session Border Controller System Control List configured to restrict allowable session invites
- Access System Control List and set MU-8000 peer IP address 10.15.91.200  
Thresholds set for 5
- Observe Wire Shark Traces to view allowed invite messages

# Network Management

End to End Network Management  
Demonstration for Public Safety

# NG 9-1-1 Systems are multi-provider



EMS= Element Management System  
 OSS = Operations Support System

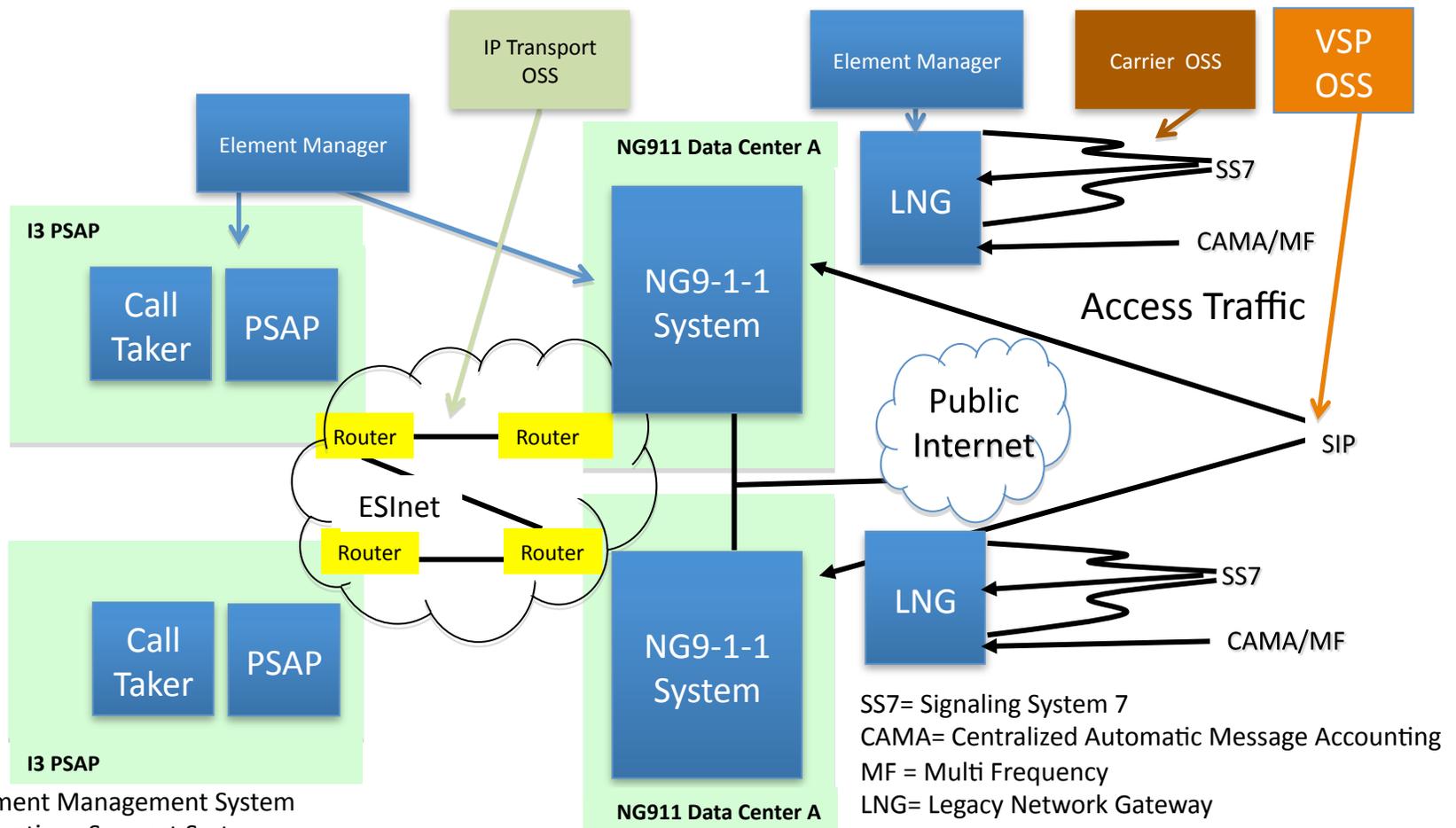
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# Each provider has their own solution for surveillance



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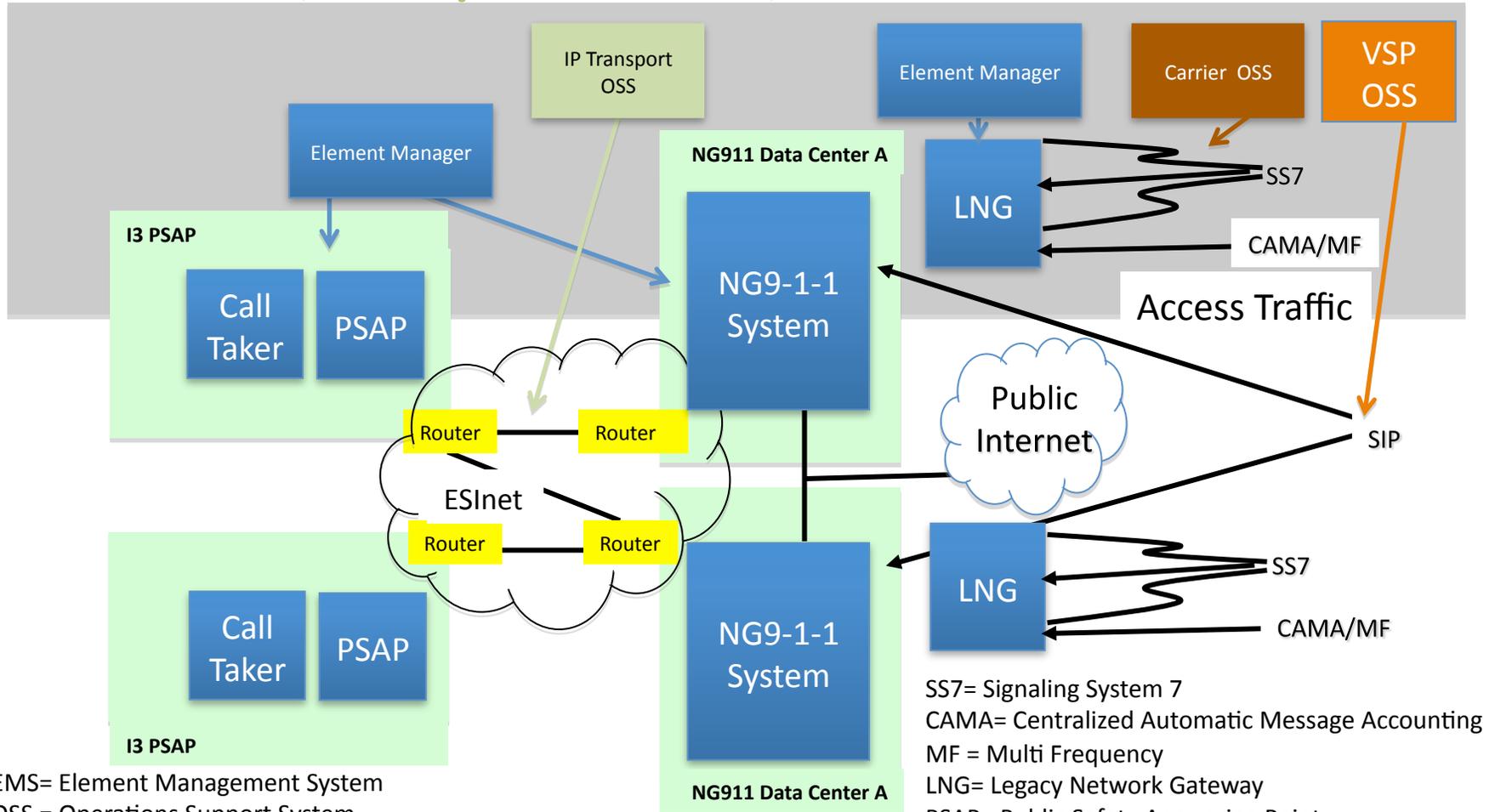
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Highly reliable networks are proactively watched end-to-end

Vendor EMS, Facility Provider OSS, Access Carriers OSS

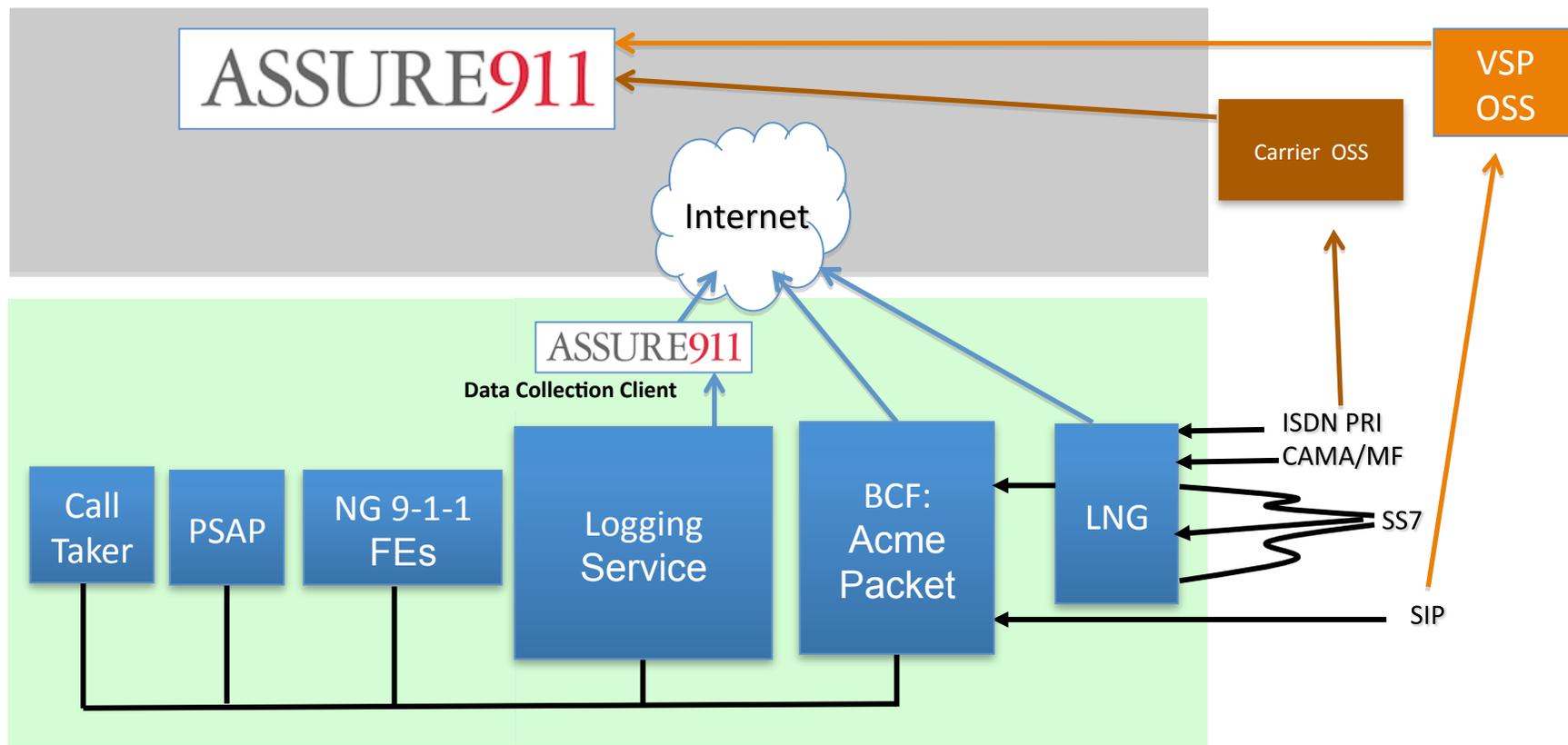


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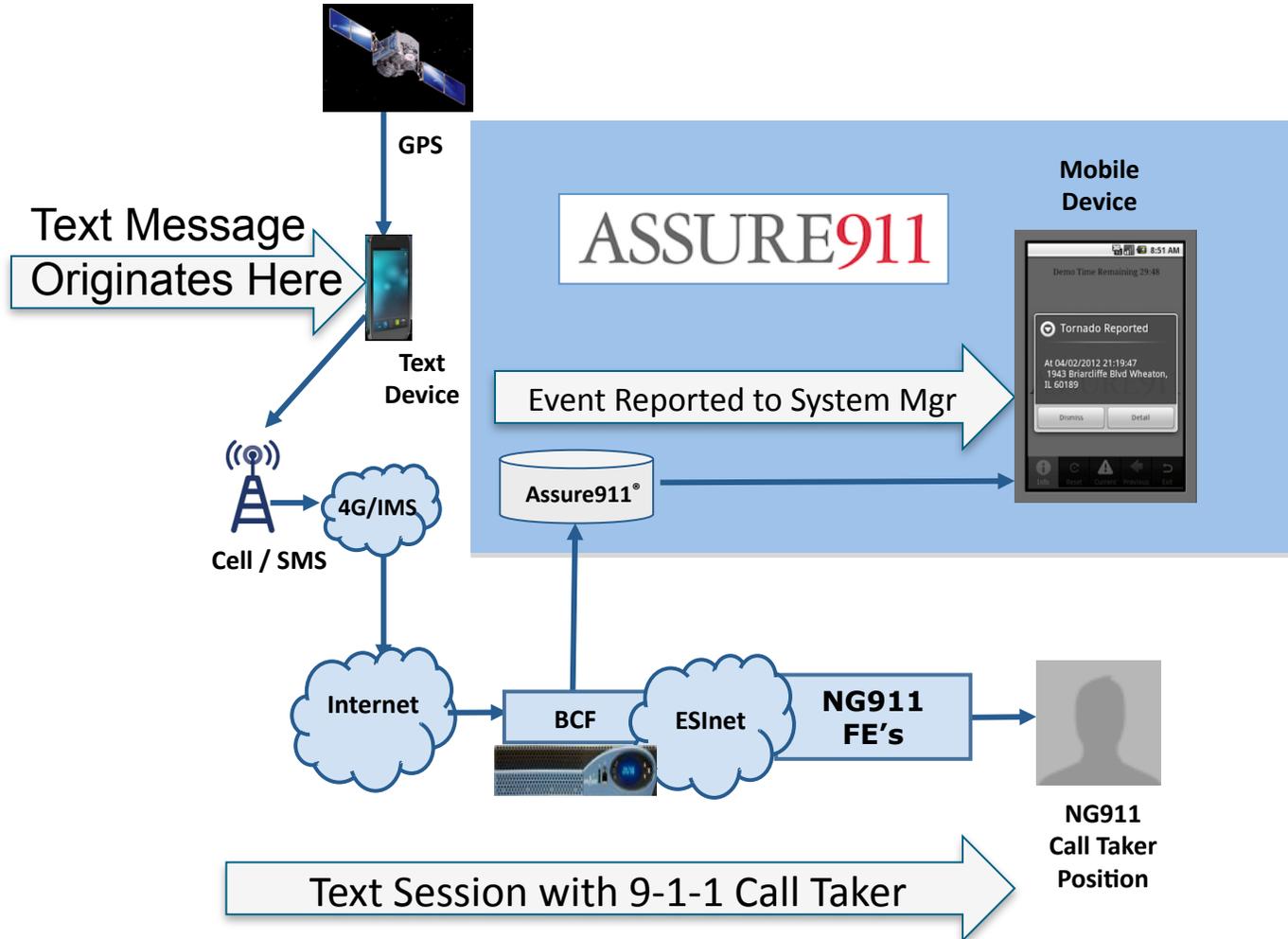
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ISDN = Integrated Services Digital Network

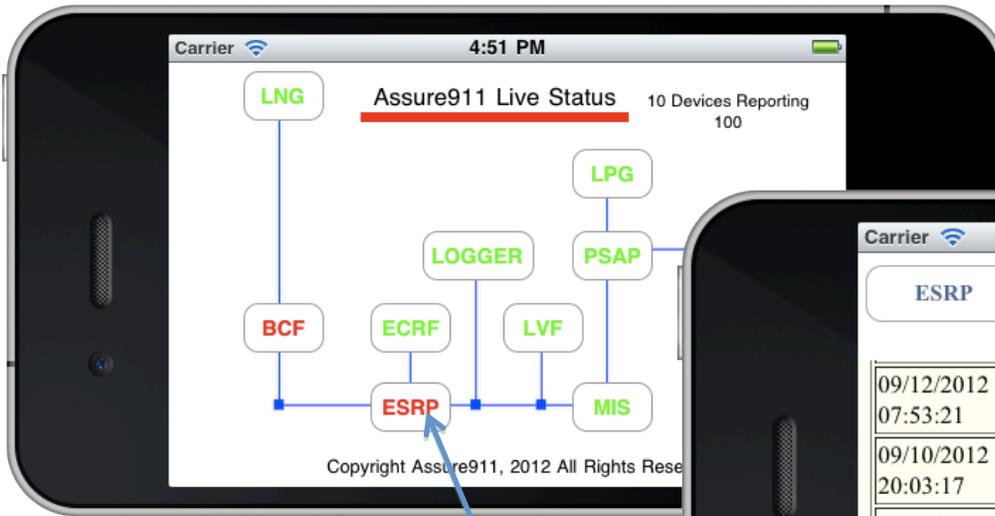
PRI = Primary Rate Interface

# Mobile Alerting: Border Control Function Event Reporting

(Demo App on Google Play®)



## Mobile Network Management App



Carrier 4:59 PM

**ESRP** Assure911 Alarm Review Back to Schematic  
Retrieving Detail for s\_cli=ESRP.

09/12/2012 07:53:21	SIPCallFailType	Server Time-out	co
09/10/2012 20:03:17	SIPCallFailType	Server Time-out	co
09/10/2012 19:59:40	SIPCallFailType	Server Time-out	co
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09/05/2012 22:55:04	SIPCallFailType	Request Terminated	co

Carrier

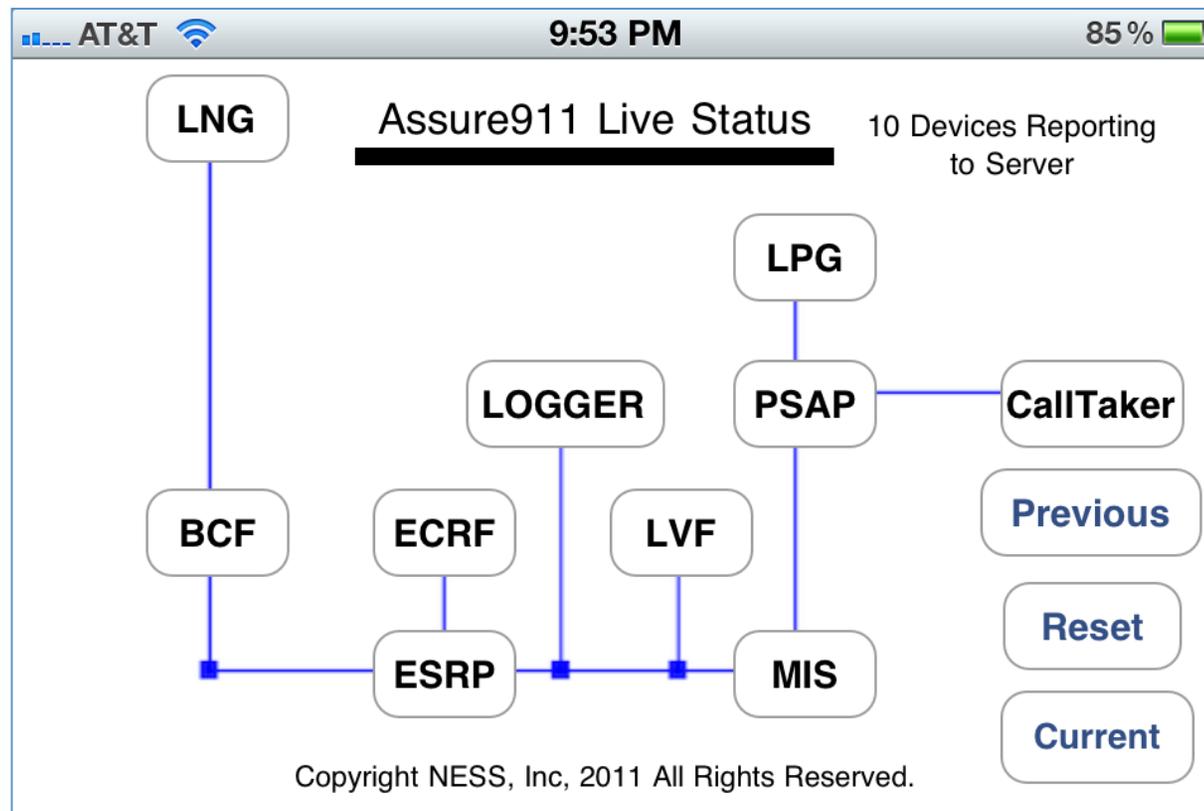
**ESRP**

	Time Frame	Total Failures	Types(Count/Thr)	CLLIs
1	10:34 -16:00:26	60	ACK	ESRP
2	13:58 -15:36:09	4	BYE	ESRP
3	10:34 -15:05:46	15	CANCEL	ESRP
4	13:53 -16:00:11	105	INVITE	ESRP
5	22:55 -22:55:00	1	PRACK	ESRP
6	10:34 -16:00:26	50	SIPCallFailType	ESRP

In 9-1-1 Network Assurance ...

... when you marry the network-wide view ...

... with the ability of the BCF to monitor the content stream ...



AT&T 9:58 PM 85%

**LNG** **Assure911 Live Status** 10 Devices Reporting

**Secure Text Alert**  
bomb  
reported 12 times  
Since 03/26/2012 20:45:02

**Dismiss** **Detail**

**BCF** **ESRP** **MIS** **CallTaker** **Previous** **Reset** **Current**

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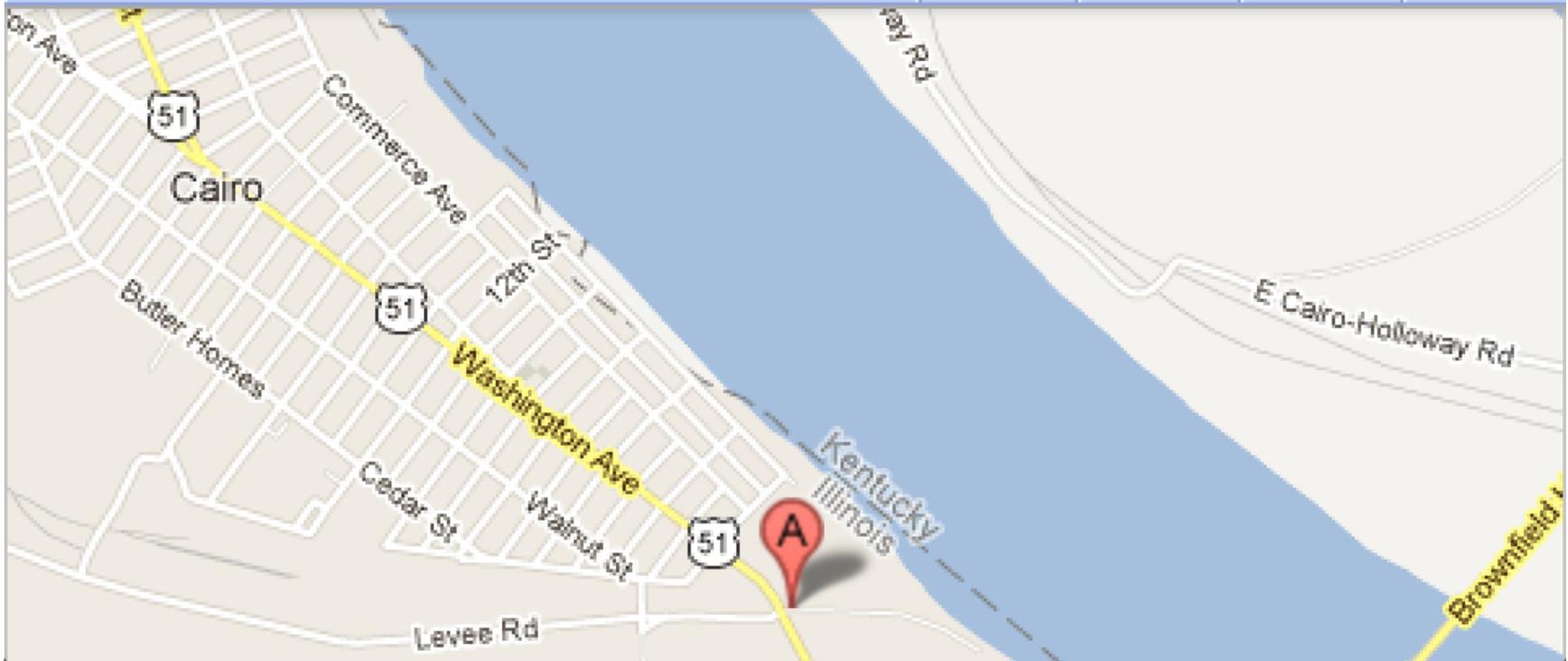
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BCF

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