



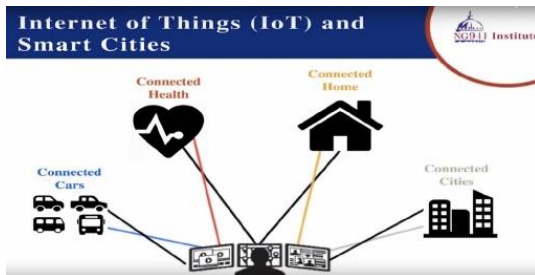
NG911-IOT Partnerships and the Race for Innovation and Market Dominance

As reported in a previous edition of *NG911 Insights* a number of companies are leading the race for the fusion of the Internet of Things and NG911. With partnerships and consortiums developing technological innovations, will intellectual property have a major role in determining who holds a competitive advantage? Legal circles believe that the ensuing litigation in the smartphone patent arena has created a trend that will bleed over to IOT:

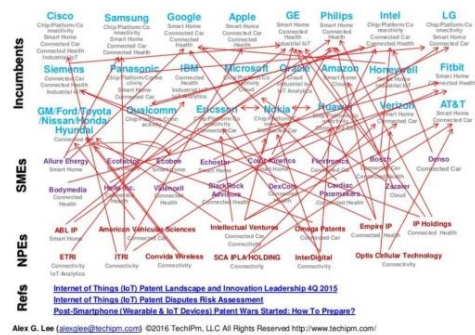
NG911 Institute: The intersection of NG911, IOT, and Smart Cities

The NG911 Institute symposium [Intersection of NG911, IoT, and Smart Cities](#) brought together leaders from government, technology companies, and public safety to discuss the advantages of combining an array of devices and services that access 911, and uniting NG911, the Internet of Things (IOT), and smart communities to bring synergistic advantages for emergency response. Among the key policy topics were: the importance of standardizing services and devices other than land-line and smart phone that access 911, the proper utilization of 911 service fees, and collecting fees from other 911-connected devices to fund NG911, and the optimal use cases for future 911-related services and devices.

Regardless of whether you believe IoT represents just an extension of the mobile Internet revolution or forms its own technology area, there is no denying that it will bring about new innovations, new patent rights, and new competition. It will also likely lead to a new front in the ongoing smartphone patent war. The question remains—will it be a hot war with companies launching volleys of patent suits at each other or a cold competition with grudging exchanges of cross-licenses and agreements not to sue?



Internet of things (IoT) Patent Wars 2020 Scenarios Infographics



Connected Homes

Smart home sensors could automatically alert emergency response personnel to fires, CO2 leaks, break-ins, etc.

These same sensors can transmit mission-critical data to responders via NG911

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