

Press Release

SRPEDD Coordinates Comprehensive 9-1-1 Dispatch Service Delivery Feasibility Study

Area public safety officials and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) met recently at UMass Dartmouth to begin to evaluate the feasibility of combining emergency 9-1-1 communications services in the region. The study will provide members a detailed report of existing services provided by local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) as compared to state and national standards and potential recommendations for improving emergency communications through sharing resources.

Following a competitive procurement process GeoComm was selected to provide consulting and project management services to all aspects of the six month study. GeoComm and area public safety team members will examine the economic, financial, governance, and operational aspects of potentially combining services.

GeoComm recently met with the SRPEDD project steering committee and local stakeholders including police and fire chiefs and emergency communications personnel. They will be in the region throughout the project to work with participating agencies and welcome input from residents as well as public officials.

“While all of the firms claimed to have a unique approach to this project, GeoComm’s proposal truly stood out as unique. GeoComm has sufficient resources dedicated to this project including well-known experts from around the country,” stated Ross Perry, Municipal Management Specialist, CPO for the SRPEDD and 9-1-1 Dispatch Feasibility Study Project Manager.

The 18 municipalities participating in the study include the Cities of Taunton, New Bedford and Fall River and the Towns of Acushnet, Berkley, Dartmouth, Dighton, Easton, Fairhaven, Freetown, Lakeville, Mansfield, Marion, Middleborough, Norton, Raynham, Swansea, Wareham and UMass – Dartmouth campus security

The project is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts State 9-1-1 Department and administered by SRPEDD. **Contact:** Ross Perry, Municipal Management Specialist with SRPEDD.

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About SRPEDD: SRPEDD is a regional planning agency serving 27 cities and towns in Southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by a Commission of local officials and citizens and we plan for the region's land use, transportation, economy and environment while assisting member cities and towns to operate more efficiently. www.srpedd.org

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