

**Regional 911 Feasibility Study Update – May 2010**

There are now 19 entities agreeing to participate in the regional 911 feasibility study covering the southeastern area of Massachusetts.

The member entities are:

- Dartmouth
- Marion
- New Bedford
- Lakeville
- Mansfield
- Freetown
- Berkley
- Fall River
- Acushnet
- Dighton
- Raynham
- Fairhaven
- Swansea
- Bristol Community College
  - Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford campus's
- University of Massachusetts
  - Dartmouth campus
- Easton
- Norton
- Wareham
- Taunton

A Steering Committee consisting of Police and Fire Chiefs, as well as a couple Town Managers from several of these communities has been meeting with SRPEDD to formulate the scope of the feasibility study and create the grant application. Participation on this committee is the best way to insure that the concerns and interests of each community are represented and addressed by the consultant.

This effort is only a feasibility study that will analyze the 19 current dispatch operations and make recommendations on ways to improve public safety and increase operational efficiency through the forming of regional or sub regional consolidation of dispatch operation(s). At this stage, no changes will be made to the present method of operations, nor will any change be made in the future unless the recommended changes are acceptable to their respective communities.

The grant application requesting funding for the feasibility study was submitted on the behalf of the member cities/ towns/ schools to the State 911 Department prior to the May 21, 2010 deadline.

Assuming a positive response from the State 911 Dept., the Steering Committee hopes to issue a RFP for consulting services by early August. The study and final report of its findings are anticipated to be complete on or before June 30, 2011.

The Steering Committee will be meeting to finalize the RFP which will be posted according to Massachusetts procurement laws and the State 911 Department's guidelines.

If there are any questions or comments, contact:

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