

# Region 26 Council

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RE: 911-019/PI-118 Comments

Dear Joan,

In regards to the above Docket seeking comments on the funding mechanism for the PSAP's Wireless fund, we would like for the Commission to consider the sparse population that we have in our Region 26 area and to take that into review to see the need for funding when there is not the tax base available to fund a PSAP with the same services required with the same equipment and employees as that of a densely populated region.

The change to include salaries for dispatchers would greatly help our needs. At our PSAP there are three full time dispatchers and five part time dispatchers with the projected budget of \$141,934.00. The Region 26 Dispatchers are all considered 911 Dispatchers. However, the term 911 dispatchers does include additional duties that would be hard to separate exact time of doing what is considered 911 duties to actual 911 call taking.

There is response to 911 calls that would be radio traffic to Officers, EMT's, Fireman, Hospitals, Air Care, Fire Air Suppression, Road's Department for closing roads etc. There is work done with the State Patrol Teletype for warrants, traffic stop information etc that could be considered separate from 911 that would consist of up to 20% of the dispatchers time.

Sincerely,

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REGION 26 COUNCIL

