

Mary,

I was very pleasantly surprised that the Governor included funding for regional public safety dispatch centers. This restructuring is long overdue and funds are desperately needed. I'm proud that CVPSA successfully brought Barre, Montpelier and Capital Fire Mutual Aid System together to complete a regional telecommunications needs assessment.

That's over 30 fire departments accepting the findings of how flawed, fragile, obsolete and vulnerable the current communications system is and agreeing on the recommendations for equipment and system design for Central Vermont public safety.

Between Televate's assessment study and the related equipment RFP currently underway by Televate for CVPSA, in conjunction with Montpelier and its dispatch customers, has Central Vermont ready to go.

The region's top priority is to overhaul its seriously flawed public safety telecommunications system before it fails and causes a crisis for first responders and their communities.

I've attached the CVPSA 2021 Annual Report which shows the year's activities. This is a request that fulfills both my City Council and CVPSA roles. Doug and I are both available to provide more information.

Appreciate your assistance.

-Dona

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