

1 more traditionally associated with first responders, such as training
2 opportunities and access to mental health supports.

3 Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. chapter 161 is added to read:

CHAPTER 161. FIRST RESPONDERS IN COMMUNICATIONS

§ 2461. DEFINITIONS

6 “First responder in communications” means any individual who is currently
7 or formerly certified by the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board as a 911 call taker, a
8 public safety dispatcher, public safety telecommunicator, emergency operator,
9 or emergency telecommunicator, or who is employed as an emergency
10 communications dispatcher providing service for an emergency provider
11 organization. A first responder in communications is responsible for the
12 administration or supervision of lifesaving communication services for
13 emergency situations.

§ 2462. TRAINING

15 To the extent practicable, employers of a first responder in communications
16 shall provide training to maintain and enhance the knowledge, skills, and
17 proficiency of the first responder in communications.

18 Sec. 3. 21 V.S.A. § 601 is amended to read:

§ 601. DEFINITIONS

20 As used in this chapter:

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(iii) As used in this subdivision (11)(I):

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4 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.