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SREC to discuss City of Spokane Analysis Report at Board Meeting on August 29, 2024

August 24, 2024, Spokane, Wash. – Today Spokane Regional Emergency Communications (SREC) received a copy of a report from the City of Spokane regarding their required decision to either join the regionalized 911 system or set up their own city-only system after five years of remaining indecisive. Currently, 21 of Spokane County’s 22 law enforcement and fire agencies are members of the regionalized system, including the City of Spokane Fire Department.

SREC’s Board consists of 9 representatives across multiple fire and law enforcement agencies, as well as a citizen member. SREC will provide comment once they have had an opportunity to review the report and will be discussing the matter further at their Board Meeting on Thursday, August 29. We hope to continue discussions with the City of Spokane, as well as other local leaders and legislators, as we have over the past several months.

SREC’s Board has conducted themselves with utmost transparency and a focus on strategic financial planning for the future. We have approached the many investments required for the future of the agency by saving in advance of expenditures, versus taking on large amounts of debt—an approach the Board feels is not only wise today, but also provides an overall savings to taxpayers for the long-term.

It continues to be our hope that this process can be collaborative and focused on the safety of our community regardless of the City of Spokane’s decision.

About Spokane Regional Emergency Communications

Spokane Regional Emergency Communications (SREC) is a regionalized emergency response communications organization formed in 2018 as a Public Development Authority. Located in Spokane, Washington, SREC serves more than 550,000 citizens throughout the county as the primary PSAP for the region. In addition to answering emergency and non-emergency calls, SREC provides Fire and Law Dispatch services to 14 local Fire Protection Authorities and 7 local Law Enforcement Agencies in Spokane County—21 of the 22 agencies. These services span more than 1,700 miles, and include management of more than 4,900 radios, 23 tower sites, and a backup center. SREC also writes reports for most of the law enforcement agencies in the region. We currently employ approximately 137 employees across the organization. Our mission is to get the right resources to the right location with an uncompromising focus on responder and citizen safety.