

**REMINDER NOTICE TO PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS REGARDING
EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH REGULATIONS**

As you are aware, the State 911 Department has established regulations governing emergency medical dispatch (“EMD”) and certification requirements for enhanced 911 telecommunicators. This is a reminder that public safety answering points (“PSAPs”) shall comply with the EMD regulations by July 1, 2012.

By way of background, the State 911 Department is charged by statute (M.G.L. c. 6A, § 18B) with establishing certification requirements for enhanced 911 telecommunicators, including EMD and quality assurance of EMD programs in the Commonwealth, and with establishing standards requiring PSAPs to have certified EMD personnel or to provide EMD through a certified EMD resource by July 1, 2012.

Pursuant to the EMD regulations, the State 911 Department reserves the right to withhold grant funding, including without limitation, funding under the State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant, from a PSAP that fails to comply with the requirements of the EMD regulations, and the State 911 Department further reserves the right to notify state and/or local authorities or officials that funding is being withheld on such grounds.

In addition, pursuant to the EMD regulations and Massachusetts General Laws c. 6A, §18E, the Attorney General may, at the request of the State 911 Department or on the Attorney General’s own initiative, institute civil proceedings against non-compliant municipalities to enforce the provisions of the EMD regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Monna Wallace at (508) 821-7220 or Chris Markunas at (508) 821-7301.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important public safety matter.