



# Duxbury Fire Department

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Shonda Green  
Department of Telecommunications and Cable  
1000 Washington Street, Suite 600  
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Dear Ms. Green,

This letter is to inform you of my support for docket number #D.T.C.23-2, of the State 911 Department's Petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (DTC) to maintain the current monthly surcharge of \$1.50 on January 1, 2024, and beyond. We are strongly in favor of keeping the \$1.50 surcharge which will not interrupt the existing safety and security the Department provides for the whole 911 system. We strongly oppose reducing the rate to \$1.00 on January 1, 2024. Towns like Duxbury rely upon grants paid for through this surcharge to supplement 911 services.

The 911 Department is solely funded by the surcharge and receives no state appropriation. A decrease in the surcharge would certainly pass along more financial obligations to already budget-strapped municipalities by an expected \$56.7 million in FY 2025 and \$70.5 million in both FY 2026 and FY 2027.

If you have any questions regarding the filing, please feel free to contact me at 781-934-5693 x5840.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Reardon  
Chief of Department

