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Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District: Transition to District Governance Completed

Rutland, MA – May 14, 2025 – The Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center (Rutland RECC) is proud to announce that it has officially transitioned to a district governance model, now operating as the Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District (CMR 911). This transition represents a significant milestone in the evolution of regional emergency communications, enhancing service quality and governance for member communities.

The initiative to establish a district model began in 2017, spearheaded by former Rutland Town Administrator Margaret Nartowicz and Executive Director Michael Moriarty. Despite initial setbacks, including a vote against the district model by two communities, the topic was revived approximately one year ago. Under the leadership of Rutland Town Administrator Austin Cyganiewicz, Hubbardston Town Administrator Nathan Boudreau, Executive Director Michael Moriarty, and Deputy Director Elizabeth DeFosse, the concept gained renewed momentum. Working closely with town officials from Barre, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland, and Warren, the proposal was unanimously approved by all five communities.

To ensure the transition was in the best interest of the communities, a comprehensive feasibility study was conducted by the Collins Center. This study provided valuable insights into the benefits and sustainability of a district model, reinforcing the decision to proceed.

The success of this transition would not have been possible without the guidance and support of Peter Kinnas, Director of Special Projects at the State 911 Department, whose expertise and assistance were instrumental throughout this process.

Benefits of District Governance The transition to a district governance model provides numerous benefits for member communities, including:

- **Enhanced Local Control:** Each member community now has an equal voice in decision-making, ensuring that local priorities are considered in the administration, operations, and financial management of the district.
- **Improved Resource Management:** The district model allows for centralized management of emergency communication services, reducing costs and improving service quality.
- **Scalability:** The district structure supports future growth, allowing additional communities to join, further strengthening the region's emergency communication network.



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- **Greater Financial Stability:** As a district, CMR 911 can access additional funding opportunities and streamline financial management.

As part of this transition, the Rutland RECC will rebrand as the Central Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communication Center under the Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District. A public education campaign will be launched to ensure residents are aware of the name change, emphasizing that the same high-quality emergency communication services will continue without interruption.

"This district model represents a new era of collaboration and excellence in emergency communications for our communities," said Executive Director Michael Moriarty. "We are committed to providing exceptional service and exploring new opportunities for growth."

For more information about the Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District, please visit our upcoming new website and follow our social media channels for updates.

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