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Re: DSET Docket No. 13-01

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on the proposed changes to the new funding formula. I strongly support these changes.

After reviewing the DSET's Notice of Proposed Regulatory Change released on May 28, 2013 the discrepancies are quite clear. As noted on page 4 paragraph 15 one regional PSAP received $357,923.94 serving a population of 67,267, another PSAP serving 62,213 received $658,014.46, this $300,000.00 difference in funding which creates a large imbalance.

The centers receiving more funding have better technology to serve First Responders. The inequality in the current formula does not allow the underfunded centers to get that technology. Town budgets being what they are, the chance of representative's, going back to ask for money from their CEO's is unrealistic.
No one is asking for anything more than the formula to be fair and equal.

I would strongly urge that the regulatory change be forwarded to the regulatory committee, and as written, be supported by the Legislature.

Please remember that the Kimball report could only identified the problems and we need to have them corrected.

Sincerely,

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President Colchester Emergency Communications