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Mr. Timothy Carroll, Town Administrator,
Town of Chilmark
P O Box 119
Chilmark, MA 02535-0119



Re: Regional Emergency 911 System Strategic Planning
Advisory Committee Development

Dear Mr. Carroll:

As you may be aware, the Dukes County Sheriff's Office has secured the \$1.5 million Development Grant Award for Fiscal Year 2019 from the State 911 Department to begin a multi-year, three-phase effort to overhaul our 50-year old, unreliable and dangerous Regional Emergency 911 Communication System.

Sheriff Robert W. Ogden cordially invites you to attend an informational and collaborative forum of your peers to discuss your Town's participation, benefits, and fiscal commitment to the soon to be developed enhanced Emergency Communication System to ensure a reliable delivery of Public Safety communications for all municipalities within Dukes County.

In particular, the initial grant funding only supports a portion of Phase 1 of the project and specifically excludes maintenance and management costs of the enhanced regional system. In keeping with the previous statements from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, this creates an expectation of fiscal obligation for the six Island communities, as a catalyst for future State funding levels.

We would like to schedule a tentative meeting date of December 5, 2018, 1:00 p.m., at the Dukes County Sheriff's Office Administrative Building, 9 Flight Path, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568. Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP: Admin. Asst. Kathleen Brasefield, 508-696-7492, or at kbrasefield@dcsoma.org. We appreciate your consideration and anticipated participation.

Sincerely,

Major Peter Graczykowski
Asst. Dep. Superintendent, Administration & Finance
Dukes County Sheriff's Office