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Greetings,

Attached is our Chapters letter of support to move Public Safety Telecommunicators into the PSERS system.

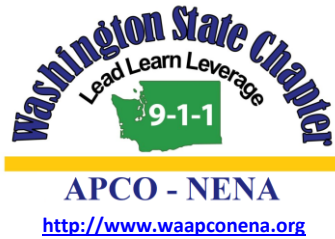


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Dear SCPP Members,

On behalf of Washington APCO-NENA, I write to support Public Safety Telecommunicators' eligibility and entry into the Public Safety Employees Retirement System (PSERS). Public Safety Telecommunicators play an often overlooked but crucial role in emergency response services across our state. They are subject to high stress and accountability with every emergency call taken. As our communities grow and the technology used in the 911 center increases, the demands of the job make it hard to reach retirement age in the current PERS system. Moving these employees from PERS to PSERS enables Telecommunicators to remain in their chosen profession through retirement.

Appropriate retirement eligibility for Public Safety Telecommunicators is one of several important elements in our comprehensive approach to improving recruitment and retention. With the passing of SB 5555 earlier this year, Public Safety Telecommunicators are now recognized as first responders and will receive standardized minimum training. They should be placed in a pension system consistent with the public safety role they serve. Thank you for considering this critical change for Public Safety Telecommunicators in the state of Washington.

Respectfully,

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