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**Regional Dispatch in Chittenden County Moving Forward**

*Six Communities with Ballot Question Approve Measure at Town Meeting*

**Colchester VT-** The Chittenden County Public Safety Authority (CCPSA), a new union municipal district that will deliver regional emergency dispatch services to improve public safety operations, has been established after receiving strong support from voters at Town Meeting today.

Voters in Burlington, Colchester, Milton, South Burlington, Williston and Winooski all passed the ballot item. It did not pass in Shelburne.

“On behalf of the Joint Survey Committee that spearheaded this effort I want to thank the voters in Chittenden County for supporting this important measure,” said Aaron Frank, Colchester Deputy Town Manager and Chair of the committee. “The public safety authority will improve dispatch operations and support for our residents and first-responders in this combined effort. Today’s vote was an exciting first step, but there is still a lot of work ahead of us.”

A Board of Directors will be appointed with representation from each of the six municipalities in the next month to form the new government structure for the authority. The Board, and municipalities acting through their Directors, will proceed to develop a framework for the regional dispatch center to become operational using input from the public safety community including dispatchers. The organization is expected to begin providing services to communities over the next 12-24 months.

As a final step, for a municipality to receive dispatch services its Selectboard or City Council will have to enter into a memorandum of understanding to receive services from the CCPSA. Municipalities are not responsible for operating costs until a municipality enters into a service agreement with CCPSA.

For additional information and resources please visit <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/emergency-management/regional-dispatch/>

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