BUDGET HRG BELLEVUE

October 14, 2014

Mr. Larry Phillips, Chair Metropolitan King County Council King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue 12th Floor Seattle, WA 98104

Budget Leadership Team

Councilmember Joe McDermott, Chair Councilmember Jane Hague, Vice Chair Councilmember Kathy Lambert, Vice Chair Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, Vice Chair

CC: King County Council

RE: King County E-911 Office Proposed Budget 2015-16

Dear Mr. Phillips, Mr. McDermott, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Upthegrove,

The NORCOM Associated Guild is the exclusive bargaining representative for all 62 full time and part-time telecommunicators employed with the North East King County Regional Communications Agency. We have reviewed and fully support the requests made by the leaders of the King County Public Safety Answering Points (911 Centers) in their letters of September 19th and 22nd. We also fully support the October 14 letter from the Recommendation Committee. The current pace for technology implementation places the public in danger by rushing to new 911 technology without a regional strategy and plan. We fully support the PSAP request to do audits and create a collaborative process so that we all have a voice in designing the future of 911 in King County and the region.

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