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Re: Final-Form Rulemaking  
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency  
Regulations #30-51, #30-52, and #30-53

Dear Mr. Nyce:

Members of the Senate State Government Committee have been afforded the opportunity to review and comment upon the Final-Form Regulations from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Public Safety Emergency Telephone Program which would amend 4 Pa. Code, Chapters 120b, 120c, and 120d.

Please be advised that, as of this date, I have received no response to these regulations.

If you have any questions regarding these proposed regulations and the Committee review, please do not hesitate to contact Cynthia Thurston of my staff at 787-7428.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Lemmond".  
CHARLES D. LEMMOND JR.  
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cc: Attorney Mark L. Goodwin,  
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
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Dear Mr. Goodwin:

In accordance with the Independent Regulatory Review Commission process, the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee has formally reviewed Proposed Regulations #30-51, 30-52 and 30-53. The following points of interest were raised at our committee meeting, and were requested to be forwarded to your office by several committee members.

- 1) Under current Regulation 120b.104(XXVIII), dispatchers are required to have a minimum of 40 hours classroom and hands-on instruction. Will this minimum requirement be raised under this section, or will this section be deleted in view of the fact that Section 120c(proposed) will establish increased training standards? As well, what will this minimum hourly training requirement be?
- 2) In terms of written exams for 911 center personnel (120c), the committee was informed that a 75% correct score would be an acceptable passing grade. Minority Chairman Tom Michlovic, and others, suggested that this minimum passing grade percentage may be too low.
- 3) In terms of the perceived conflict between union contracts and these proposed regulations, as was suggested by the City of Philadelphia, is there any merit to this accusation? How does your agency plan to address this issue?
- 4) In terms of the Right-to-Know Law as applied to 911 center data/information, will the phone tape records of individual dispatchers (section 120c.107) be considered public information under the Right-to-Know law?
- 5) In terms of the accuracy standards for 911 database systems (120b.112), there was some discussion on the ability of county 911 centers to maintain a 95% accuracy rate. Is this 95% accuracy rate attainable? As well, there was some questioning on whether or not the downloading of the LEC customer database into the county MSAG database was a plausible practice which all county 911 centers could uniformly perform. Are the LECs better equipped to load this data?

The committee would also like to submit two (2) public comment documents which were sent to various legislators on this issue. We would appreciate your office reviewing the merits of these enclosed comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

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 Paul W. Semmel  
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