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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 11, 2013
To: Oregon APCO/NENA Legislative Committee
From: Pete Kerns, Chief of Police *P.K.*
Subject: Memorandum of Support – 9-1-1 Tax Extension and Inclusion of Pre-Paid Wireless

The 9-1-1 telephone tax is essential to the operation of the Emergency Communications Centers in our State. The Central Lane 9-1-1 Center which serves over 90% of Lane County falls under my prevue. I know firsthand that the money our agency receives is essential to our Center's overall functionality. This tax must be extended.

I also recognize the need for pre-paid wireless phones to be included in the 9-1-1 tax. As you know, the market is swiftly shifting from wireless contract plans, which are covered under the tax, to pre-paid plans which are not. Because pre-paid plans are currently not integrated in the tax our State is being deprived of millions of dollars which is needed to not only fund the basic operations of our 9-1-1 Centers, but also to keep up with industry advances including Next Generation technology.

The Eugene Police Department supports the passage of the bills that will bring the most revenue to local government for the operation of our Public Safety Answering Points. We cannot compromise this service which is critical to our citizens.

