



FIRE DEPARTMENT

March 22, 2019

Paul Evans, Chair
House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
9000 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB2449

Chair Evans, Members of the Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness,

Lake Oswego Communications (LOCOM) provides 911 call answering capability for both Police and Fire Departments within the City of Lake Oswego. Between the two entities, LOCOM dispatches more than 60,000 emergency calls each year.

We were notified that the 911 tax will no longer fund the replacement of equipment within our Public Safety Answer Point, placing the funding burden on cities and counties across Oregon.

The Lake Oswego Fire and Police departments understand that HB2449 remedies that equipment replacement burden by doubling the current tax amount collected; which would allow our PSAP to continue the support of police and fire dispatchers, without shifting the burden to local jurisdictions.

As Police and Fire partners in the City of Lake Oswego, we urge you to support HB2449 and restore our critical funding.

Respectfully,

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