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TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO JOIN COUNTY DISPATCH

Cumberland County, ME:

The Town of Cumberland voted to join the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center (CCRCC) at a recent Council meeting. The County Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the matter at their meeting on Monday, March 10. According to the Kimball Associates study completed in 2004, the Town is expected to save in excess of \$100,000 on dispatch services annually, after one time connection charges are determined. Currently, Cumberland is dispatched by the Town of Yarmouth. The change will take place some time prior to July 1, of this year.

Bill Holmes, CCRCC director said, "We welcome the Town of Cumberland to our dispatch center and recognize the responsibility we are accepting for the Town. Our dispatchers are well trained in all aspects of emergency communications service, and we will continue to provide the quality of service the citizens of Cumberland have come to expect. We thank the Council, Town Management and Public Safety agencies for the confidence they have shown in our ability to serve them."

Currently, the CCRCC provides complete dispatch service for 9 towns and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. The CCRCC also serves as the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for 17 of the 28 communities within the county. There are also other communities researching the potential to consolidate their dispatch and PSAP services to save their community tax dollars and still have the same or increased services as currently provided.

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