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### **CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECEIVES OVER \$650,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDING**

Cumberland County, ME:

Jim Budway, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency Director, announced yesterday the award to Cumberland County for \$655,000.00 in Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant funding to improve communications interoperability between public safety entities.

The award includes \$359,000.00 to be provided to the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center. This will facilitate Municipal integration into the County's planned interoperable communications system by enabling the replacement of older technology with technology providing more reliable voice and data transmissions. The Cities of Portland and South Portland will receive \$236,000.00 to install a microwave link which completes a redundant emergency communications capability between the two cities for the exchange of data, telephone and radio transmissions. Twelve communities including the towns of Baldwin, Cumberland, Freeport, Falmouth, Gray, Harpswell, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, Raymond, Scarborough, Sebago, and Windham will each receive five P25 compatible portable radios at a total value of \$60,000.00.

In announcing the awards, Budway said, "Overall, Cumberland County did very well in the competitive awards process. This funding will certainly improve the County's interoperable communications capability and it definitely will enhance public safety."

For more information, please contact Jim Budway, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency Director, at (207) 892-6785.

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