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**REPRESENTATIVE VALLEE ANNOUNCES
ENHANCED 911 GRANTS FOR FRANKLIN & MEDWAY**

Representative James E. Vallee (D-Franklin) announced today that Franklin has been awarded \$47,353.00 and Medway \$22,116.00 to support its 911 emergency dispatch communications center and enhance public safety.

The Grants were drawn from a fund created last year by the legislature creating a State 911 Department for subscribers whose communication service is capable of accessing and utilizing the enhanced 911 system in the Commonwealth. Representative Vallee said, "Passage of the State 911 assured citizens would be able to call for police, fire or emergency medical services whenever and from wherever needed and that the public safety workers taking the calls have been trained and have state of the art equipment to assist those residents in need." Vallee concluded, "The residents of Franklin and Medway are well protected and cared for with our police, fire and emergency medical personnel. I am honored when I am able to assist in improving the services provided to our residents through grant programs such as the 911 system."

Representative Vallee was also successful in obtaining \$150,000.00 funding for

technology upgrades for the Franklin Police and Fire Department for conversion of communications devices from analog to digital.

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