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**SREC welcomes City of Spokane Police Department to  
Regionalized Emergency Communications**

*Next steps include development of transition team*

September 9, 2024, Spokane, Wash. – Today Spokane Regional Emergency Communications (SREC) officially responded to the City of Spokane Mayor Lisa Brown’s letter regarding the Spokane Police Department (SPD) joining the regionalized emergency communications center. Currently, 21 of Spokane County’s 22 law enforcement and fire agencies are members of the regionalized system, including the City of Spokane Fire Department.

In their letter, the SREC Board of Directors outlines key responses to the Mayor’s requests and identifies next steps for the formation of an official transition committee to start the important work of welcoming SPD to the regionalized system. Among the key issues addressed in the letter are Board Governance, SREC’s user fee model, and clarifications on taxes, reserves, and service levels.

Board Chair and Spokane County District 3 Fire Chief Cody Rohrbach, emphasized the importance of collaboration and partnerships, stating, "The SREC Board remains committed to a cooperative approach that prioritizes our community’s safety. Our commonalities far outweigh our differences, and through united efforts, I am confident that we will further enhance regional emergency communications for all of our agencies and the communities that they serve. Concurrently, we remain committed to ensuring operational efficiency and responsible use of taxpayer funds."

***About Spokane Regional Emergency Communications***

*Spokane Regional Emergency Communications (SREC) is a regionalized emergency response communications organization formed in 2018 as a Public Development Authority. Located in Spokane, Washington, SREC serves more than 550,000 citizens throughout the county as the primary PSAP for the region. In addition to answering emergency and non-emergency calls, SREC provides Fire and Law Dispatch services to 14 local Fire Protection Authorities and 7 local Law Enforcement Agencies in Spokane County—21 of the 22 agencies. These services span more than 1,700 miles, and include management of more than 4,900 radios, 23 tower sites, and a backup center. SREC also writes reports for most of the law enforcement agencies in the region. We currently employ approximately 137 employees across the organization. Our mission is to get the right resources to the right location with an uncompromising focus on responder and citizen safety.*

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