

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF EAST LYME, THE CITY OF NEW LONDON, AND THE
TOWN OF WATERFORD, CONNECTICUT
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANNING GROUP TO CONSIDER THE
FEASIBILITY OF A REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER**

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statute §7-148cc authorizes two or more municipalities to jointly perform any function that each municipality may perform separately under any provisions of the general statutes or any special act, charter, or home rule ordinance upon entering into an agreement to such effect with other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, C.G.S §7-148cc requires that any such agreement be approved by each participating municipality in the same manner as ordinances are approved or, if no ordinances are approved, in the same manner as the budget is approved; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Lyme, the City of New London, and the Town of Waterford require dispatching services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Lyme, the City of New London, and that the Town of Waterford, through its Communications Center have discussed regionalizing these services; and

WHEREAS, the regional communications center that will serve the Town of East Lyme, the City of New London, and the Town of Waterford will be located at the existing WECC Dispatch Center at 204 Boston Post Road, Waterford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-24-5 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies provides that DESPP, acting by and through its Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications (hereinafter "DSET"), may provide reimbursement for the costs of transferring emergency telecommunication services from a municipality to a multi-town emergency telecommunications center; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-24-5 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies provides that DSET may provide reimbursement for the costs of designing, planning a new regional emergency telecommunications center; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities named recognize the opportunity that regionalizing services may result in cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities named seek to enhance current emergency services by the creation of a regional dispatch center, allowing immediate multi-jurisdictional communications for routine and large scale events; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT

To establish a project management team and working group structure with representatives from the Town of East Lyme, City of New London, and Town of Waterford to present findings and recommendations to the chief executives for the feasibility of a regional communications center by July 1, 2013.

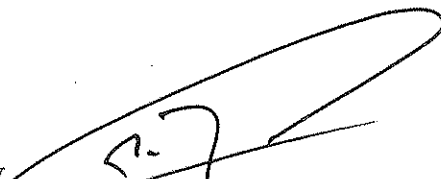
Each chief executive will appoint a project manager to represent their respective municipality.

Project managers will be responsible to convene working groups, and oversee the structure and reporting their findings and recommendations to the chief executives.

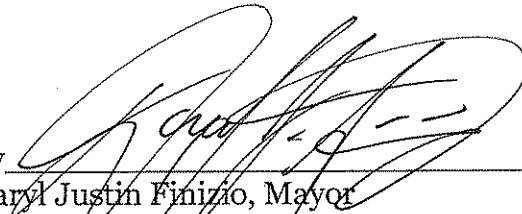
Working groups will be initially comprised of, but not limited to the following areas;

- Labor
- Information Technology
- Legal Structure, Governance, and Finance


The three Executives will appoint a Public Information Officer for this project.

By  _____ Dated: 1/30/13
Paul Formica, First Selectman

TOWN OF EAST LYME

By  _____ Dated: 1/30/13
Daryl Justin Finizio, Mayor

CITY OF NEW LONDON

By  _____ Dated: 1/30/13
Daniel Steward, First Selectman

TOWN OF WATERFORD