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Press Release Statement

**Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District (Rutland, MA)
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Today marks a defining and historic moment for the Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District.

This morning, we stand on the threshold of formally welcoming the communities of Auburn, Oxford, Charlton, Sturbridge, Spencer, and Sutton into the Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District a milestone that represents not only growth, but the successful realization of a shared regional vision for emergency communications.

This moment did not happen by chance. It is the result of years of collaboration, thoughtful planning, and a collective commitment to improving public safety services for our residents and first responders.

I would like to first extend my sincere gratitude to the Administrative Board Members and to the Boards of Selectmen from each of our founding District communities. Without your leadership, trust, and willingness to come together to adopt a district-based governance model, we would not be here today. Your decision to move beyond traditional boundaries and embrace regional cooperation laid the foundation for everything this District has become and everything it will continue to grow into.

I also want to recognize the extraordinary efforts of the Board of Directors, who devoted significant time, expertise, and diligence to the creation and adoption of a comprehensive District Agreement. That agreement was not simply a document it was a blueprint for stability, accountability, and long-term success. It ensures that the Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District is positioned to grow responsibly, operate transparently, and deliver consistent, high-quality emergency communications services to all member communities.

This morning would not be complete without acknowledging Deputy Director Elizabeth DeFosse. Elizabeth has been an instrumental force behind the District's progress and success. Her leadership, dedication, and tireless work have been critical at every stage of this journey. Simply put, we would not have reached this milestone without her commitment and assistance.

The partnership we are forming with Auburn, Oxford, Charlton, Sturbridge, Spencer, and Sutton represents more than an expansion of membership. It strengthens regional interoperability, enhances operational resilience, and advances a unified approach to emergency communications across Central Massachusetts. Together, we are building a system that is stronger, more efficient, and better prepared to serve our communities in moments when every second matters.



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Today's vote represents confidence in this District, in this governance model, and in the shared belief that regional collaboration is the future of public safety communications.

On behalf of the Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District, I thank everyone who helped bring us to this moment. We look forward to working alongside our new partner communities as we continue to advance emergency communications, support our first responders, and serve the residents of Central Massachusetts with professionalism, reliability, and excellence.

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