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STAFF REPORT

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FROM: CONFIRE ECNS Regional Initiative Sub-Committee (CERIS)

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TO: CONFIRE Board of Directors

**SUBJECT: Charter Membership to Statewide Public Safety Answering Points
Association for Emergency Communications Nurse System Services**

Recommendation

Authorize CONFIRE to become a charter member of the statewide association of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP), for Emergency Communications Nurse System (ECNS) services.

Background Information

The need for ECNS services continues to grow as agencies seek alternatives to traditional emergency response, improved patient care coordination, and more efficient use of system resources. Agencies face increasing operational complexity and financial risk when programs are developed independently.

To address these challenges and support long-term financial sustainability, the CERIS sub-committee has evaluated regional and statewide models for ECNS and recommends that CONFIRE participates as a charter member in a non-profit association structured as a 501 (c)(6). This model is designed to support collaboration among public agencies and provide a framework for shared decision making, transparency, and coordination of ECNS services.

Becoming a charter member would allow CONFIRE to participate in the initial formation of the association, including governance structure, membership criteria, and operational framework. This position ensures CONFIRE has a direct role in shaping the organization while supporting continued development of regional ECNS services.

Fiscal Impact

CONFIRE is the only PSAP in the state of California providing ECNS services and has been doing so for the past 5 years. These services have yielded extensive business plan iterations, as well as copious amounts of data review and interpretation.

CONFIRE staff will use the already incurred costs associated with being the proving ground for ECNS in California, as a negotiating tool to offset any membership fees/costs associated with becoming a charter member.

It is anticipated that CONFIRE will not incur any membership fees/costs to become a charter member.