



**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE**

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**S.B. 876**      **“An Act Concerning Emergency Medical Dispatch Training”**

S.B. 876 would allow personnel at public safety answering points (PSAPs) to be exempt from emergency medical dispatch training, if such PSAPs contract with another entity to provide local emergency medical dispatch services (i.e. medical interrogation, dispatch prioritization, and pre-arrival instructions).

**CCM supports S.B. 876** as a reasonable means to streamline the implementation of this vital training – while not compromising the emergency response services provided by local emergency personnel. Current state law requirements, as they relate to frontline practicality, are proven to be unnecessarily redundant and not cost effective.

Simply put – local dispatchers should not be mandated to have such training, if their PSAP already contracts out for emergency medical dispatch services. Therefore, S.B. 876 is a tangible means for lawmakers to provide local departments with some degree of relief -- administrative and fiscal -- from this duplicative state mandate.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report **S.B. 876**.

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