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The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) represents all municipal police departments in Connecticut as well as police departments at private and state universities.

CPCA **SUPPORTS** S.B. 354, AAC The Enhanced Emergency 9-1-1 Program. This legislation is aimed at raising revenue to support Connecticut's aging 9-1-1 infrastructure. Users of cellular telephone service and prepaid cellular phone service should be bound to provide financial support to the state's 9-1-1 system just as users of traditional telecommunication services are.

9-1-1 is a lifeline to members of the public who are in need of emergency services. Connecticut's aging 9-1-1 system is in need of necessary technological upgrades in order to facilitate the use of modern communication devices and to maintain the stability and reliability of the system.

Existing funding mechanisms do not currently provide the resources necessary to support the current system.

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