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APCO-FLORIDA CHAPTER LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE Resolution for Certification

WHEREAS, from time to time local governments give special recognition to the role of First Responders in our communities; and
WHEREAS, those men and women who serve as 911 Emergency Dispatchers for law enforcement and fire rescue are considered the First Responders for the First Responders; and
WHEREAS, numerous national medical studies have identified and confirmed that repeated exposure to extreme levels of stress as those resulting from having to make split second life or death decisions on a daily basis as 911 Emergency Dispatchers must do, causes severe physiological and mental acuity deterioration; and
WHEREAS, the health, welfare and safety of the general public is best served by having the best qualified 911 Emergency Dispatchers as possible; and
WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is contemplating legislation to certify and license 911 Emergency Dispatchers as a distinct and separate profession in the delivery of First Response Emergency Services; and
WHEREAS, on an ongoing basis we endeavor to support the critical role 911 Emergency Dispatchers serve to our community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners;
That, this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to provide certification and licensure designations to public employees working as 911 Emergency Dispatchers for law enforcement and fire rescue.

Section 2. Expresses its support for specific legislation as filed and urge their passage.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 and 2 above.

Section 4. Inform the Florida Association of Counties our support.

SIGNED THIS DAY _____.