

## **Spokane Regional Emergency Communications (SREC)**

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Spokane City Council  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.  
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Dear Councilmembers,

This letter is in response to Council's September 17, 2018 letter requesting additional representation on the Governing Board for Spokane Regional Emergency Communications (SREC), formerly known as the Spokane Integrated Emergency Communications Center Public Authority or "SPOCOM".

The composition of the Governing Board was established in Spokane County Resolution 2018-0245, which formed a Public Development Authority. The SREC Governing Board does not have the authority to amend a Spokane County Resolution.

At its October 4, 2018 special meeting, the SREC Governing Board considered Council's request, and voted to recommend against any change in Governing Board composition by the Board of County Commissioners. The reasons were:

- The composition of the SREC Governing Board was a compromise reached after a number of meetings and discussions which considered the balance between jurisdictions of varying populations as well as between law enforcement and fire service customer agencies.
- By design, no single agency or public-safety discipline dominates the Governing Board, which has resulted in consensus based decision making.
- The Governing Board was also designed to provide a substantial level of influence to customer agency department heads, who are considered subject matter experts. The only elected official on the Board is the Sheriff, who is also a subject matter expert.

Council may wish to consider directing its request to the Board of Spokane County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Brian Asmus



Governing Board Vice-Chair

Steve Reinke



Executive Director

cc: Board of Spokane County Commissioners