

## North Dakota Peace Officers Association

House Appropriations Committee Government Operations Division Testimony on HB 1016

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Chaiman Monson and members of the committee, my name is Jackie Lundstrom, I represent the North Dakota Peace Officers Association (NDPOA) on the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC). I am testifying today in support of HB 1016.

HB 1016 contains appropriations for the Department of Emergency Services, more specifically for State Radio and necessary advancements to critical communication infrastructure. Within this funding is the request for improvements to the Message Switch/Open Fox system and a Statewide Interoperability Radio Network (SIRN) compatible logger/recorder. These components will fix and improve the communications for not only 9-1-1 calls but for radio communication to, from, and between, individual law enforcement, EMS, fire and other public service responders.

The NDPOA respectfully requests your support for this critical funding need for State Radio and the SIRN project.