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Memorandum in Support

S7121 – Senator Brooks
A7366-A – MoA Abbate

An act defining the term "first responder in communications"

SUPPORT!

This proposal, which would take effect immediately upon its enactment, would define the term "first responder in communications" to mean any individual who is responsible for the administration or supervision of life saving communication services for emergency situations. Further, it would mandate that, to the extent practicable, employers of first responders in communications provide training to maintain and enhance the knowledge, skills and proficiency of such persons.

Defining and training first responders in communications clearly represents a major step forward in facilitating effective response to people who need immediate assistance, thereby significantly enhancing public safety.

The New York State Public Employee Conference (NYSPEC) is an umbrella organization comprising approximately 80 unions and groups representing a wide spectrum of hundreds of thousands of public employees. NYSPEC wholeheartedly supports this proposed legislation, which has passed both houses of the legislature, and urges its swift enactment.

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2021 Member Units

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NYS Correctional Officers & PBA
NYS Court Clerks Association
NYS Court Officers Association
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NYS Police Investigators Association
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NYS Supreme Court Officers
Police Conference of New York
Port Authority Maintenance Supervisors Association
Port Authority PBA
Port Authority Police Detectives Endowment Association
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S E I U Local 300
S E I U Local 621
Sanitation Officers' Association
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Social Services Employees Union Local 371
Southampton Town PBA
Subway Surface Supervisors Association
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Suffolk County Correction Officers Association
Suffolk County Court Employees Association
Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs PBA
Suffolk County PBA
Suffolk County Police Conference
Suffolk County Police Superior Officers Association
Suffolk County Probation Officers Association
Suffolk Detectives Association
TWU Local 100
Uniformed EMS Officers Union
Uniform EMTs and Paramedics Local 2507
Uniformed Fire Alarm Dispatchers Benevolent Association
Uniformed Firefighters Association
Uniformed Fire Officers Association
Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association
United Public Service Employees Association
United Transit Leadership Organization
Westchester County Correction Officers Association
Yonkers Fire Fighters Local 628
Yonkers Uniformed Fire Officers Association