

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
Kim Saner, Human Resources Director *JCB*

FROM: Lisa Kosto, Senior Manager *LK*

DATE: September 3, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-065 Authorizing One New Dispatcher I Position in the Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center (Mayor)

This resolution authorizes one new borough Dispatcher I position in the Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center. On August 21, 2020 a state dispatcher located in the Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center (SPSCC) separated from their employment with the state.

The state is working towards centralizing its 911 call taking and dispatch services to a center that is expected to provide statewide coverage for calls requiring trooper responses. The current contract between the borough and the state for the joint operation of the SPSCC will end on July 1, 2021.

The state does not plan to fill the recently vacated position at SPSCC but has indicated it expects to reimburse the borough for costs involved in covering the vacancy per the contract. The administration believes the borough's best interests would be served by making this a borough position so the person can remain at the SPSCC after the contract terminates and will have completed much of their needed training.

Your favorable consideration would be appreciated.