

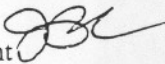


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SUBJECT: REGISTRATION FEE EXEMPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS

In a letter dated June 21, 1995, the North Carolina Chapters of the National Emergency Number Association and the Associated Public-Safety Communications Officials jointly requested that public safety telecommunicators be exempted from the payment of community college continuing education course registration fees for job-related courses. For the purpose of this fee waiver, the letter suggested that public safety telecommunicators be defined as follows:

"Public safety telecommunicator" means a person who is responsible for emergency communications functions associated with local public safety and lifesaving efforts or activities, whose duties include, but are not limited to, receiving 911 and/or other emergency telephone calls, and/or the dispatching of law enforcement, fire, rescue, emergency management, and emergency medical personnel. This includes those persons who are responsible for the supervision and/or management of emergency communication centers.

Under the authority provided by NCGS 115D-5(b) the State Board approved the above request at its July 19 meeting. As a result of the State Board decision, public safety telecommunicators, as defined above, may enroll in job-related continuing education courses and be exempted from applicable registration fees (in the same manner as other rescue and lifesaving personnel) for classes beginning on or after September 1, 1995. A community college may request that the telecommunicator provide appropriate identification which acknowledges membership in an emergency communications department or organization.

If you have questions, contact Bill Cole or Chuck Barham in the System Office at (919) 733-7051.

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