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Legislative Update

Next Generation 9-1-1 Act

- Introduced in the House by Reps. Eshoo (D-CA) and Shimkus (R-IL) and in the Senate by Sens. Klobuchar (D-MN) and Cortez Masto (D-NV).
 - In the House, also included as part of a broader \$85B infrastructure package (the LIFT America Act).
- Authorizes \$12B in federal funding to help state and local governments deploy NG9-1-1.
- Would be administered in a multi-year grant program.

Reclassification of 9-1-1 Professionals

- The Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) is a vast catalog of occupations that is used for statistical purposes.
- For years APCO sought to revise the SOC by:
 - 1) Changing the classification: Office/Admin Support → Protective Service Occupations
 - 2) Changing the job label: “Police, Fire, & Ambulance Disp.” → “Public Safety Telecommunicators”
- Formal revision process 2014-2017
 - Succeeded on changing the job label, but not the group classification.

9-1-1 SAVES Act

- What it does
 - Would direct OMB to categorize PSTs as a Protective Service Occupation under the SOC.
 - Recognizes the lifesaving work of PSTs.
 - Zero cost.
- Status
 - Identical versions introduced in House (H.R. 1629) and Senate (S. 1015).
 - Growing bipartisan support.
 - Referred to committees of jurisdiction in the House and Senate for next steps in legislative process.

9-1-1 SAVES Act

- If you haven't already, ask your Representatives and Senators to support the bill.
- Go to: <https://www.apcointl.org/government-relations/take-action/>