



# City of New Haven

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## Meeting Agenda Public Safety Committee

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Monday, March 30, 2026

6:00 PM

Board of Alders Chamber

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**Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.**

(Board of Alders-New Haven Notice) The Public Safety Committee will meet in-person on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 6:00 PM located at 165 Church St., 2nd floor, Board of Alders Chamber, New Haven, CT, to hear the following item and updates from the City's new public safety Chiefs.

[LM-2026-0050](#) RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION (DESPP), DIVISION OF STATEWIDE EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS (DSET), FOR A CAPITAL EXPENSE GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$205,467.68 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL EQUIPMENT TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE FIXED PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS ASSETS IN SUPPORT OF THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND THE NEW HAVEN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND TO ACCEPT SUCH FUNDS IF OFFERED AND TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS AND DOCUMENTS AS NECESSARY.

This item is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of Legislative Services, 165 Church Street, New Haven, CT. Per order: Hon. Brian Wingate, Chair: Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City Clerk.

If you need an accessibility related accommodation, please contact (203) 946 - 7651 (voice) or (203) 946-8582 (TTY). In accordance with the City of New Haven Covid-19 policies, masks are now optional.

Public may send comments to [publictestimony@newhavenct.gov](mailto:publictestimony@newhavenct.gov).



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## Text File

File Number: LM-2026-0050

**Agenda Date:**

**Version:** 1

**Status:** In Committee

**In Control:** Public Safety Committee

**File Type:** Resolution

**Agenda Number:**

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WHEREAS, the Public Safety Communications Department of the City of New Haven requires equipment upgrades to provide effective emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project is \$3,000,000.00; and

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WHEREAS, the funds available from the State of Connecticut, DSET of the DESPP, and the City may be used to purchase and install the needed equipment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven supports efforts to improve emergency communications throughout the City; and

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**CHECK LIST FOR ALDERMANIC SUBMISSIONS**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cover Letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resolutions/Orders/Ordinances (NOTE: If you are submitting any item to the State you must write a Resolution)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prior Notification Form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fiscal Impact Statement - Should include comprehensive budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting Documentation (if applicable)

**IN ADDITION [IF A GRANT/DONATION]:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notice of Intent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grant Summary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Executive Summary (not longer than 5 pages without an explanation)

Date Submitted: February 6, 2026

Meeting Submitted For: February 17, 2026

Regular or Suspension Agenda: Regular

Submitted By: Joe Vitale, PSAP Director

**Title of Legislation:**

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Comments: Legistar File ID: LM-2026-0050

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Coordinator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Controller's Signature (if grant): \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor's Office Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Call (203) 927-0802 or email [aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov](mailto:aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov) with any questions.



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February 4, 2026

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President  
Board of Alders of the City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the attached documentation, which will be used to apply for the 2026 State of Connecticut Capital Expense Grant. This grant is made available to 911/Public Safety Communications Centers throughout the State of Connecticut by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications.

As one of the busiest Public Safety Answering Points in our State, our department's grant amount available this year, based on our call volume, will be \$205,467.68. This is a 50% matching grant, and our portion of the funding match would come from from our current capital budget, which is being used for our communications equipment upgrades and would be used solely for communications equipment upgrades.

The Applicable Statutes and Regulations for this grant are:

- State statute for the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund is C.G.S. section 28-30a
- Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund Regulations) sections 28-24-1a through 28-24-12a

Our call volume for the calendar year 2025 was:

- 137,149 Emergency Calls (911)
- 181,600 Routine Phone Calls
- 194,400 Computer Dispatch Calls Entered

Along with these statistics are countless fire and police radio transmissions handled by our employees every hour, every day of the year.

I thank you for taking the time to consider my request to apply for the Public Safety Communications Centers equipment grant.

I urge you to provide a favorable review and action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joseph F. Vitale, Jr  
Director  
Public Safety Communications  
City of New Haven  
1 Union Ave.  
New Haven, CT 06519

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# **PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM**

## **NOTICE OF MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS**

TO (list applicable alders of): ALL

WARD # ALL

DATE: February 6, 2026

FROM: Department/Office Public Safety Communications  
Person Joseph F. Vitale, Jr., Telephone 203-752-6639  
Director

This is to inform you that the following matter affecting your ward(s) will be submitted to the Board of Alders in the near future:

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Check one if this is an appointment to a Board or Commission:

- Democrat
- Republican
- Unaffiliated/Independent/Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPARTMENTS**

1. Departments are responsible for sending this form to the alder(s) affected by the item.
2. This form must be sent (or delivered) directly to the alder(s) **before** it is submitted to the Legislative

Services Office for the Board of Alders agenda.

3. The date entry must be completed with the date this form was sent the alder(s).
4. Copies to: alder(s); sponsoring department; attached to submission to Board of Alders.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**DATE:** February 6, 2026  
**FROM (Dept.):** Public Safety Communications  
**CONTACT:** Joseph F. Vitale, Jr., Director **PHONE** 203-752-6639

**SUBMISSION ITEM (Title of Legislation):**

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BOA File ID: LM-2026-0050

**List Cost:** Describe in as much detail as possible both personnel and non-personnel costs; general, capital or special funds; and source of funds currently budgeted for this purpose.

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL FUNDS	BOND FUNDING	CAPITAL/LINE ITEM/DEPT/ACT/OBJ CODE
<b>A. Personnel</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	
1. Initial start up	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2. One-time	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3. Annual	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>B. Non-personnel</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	
1. Initial start up	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2. One-time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$205,467.68
3. Annual	\$0	\$0	\$0	

**List Revenues:** Will this item result in any revenues for the City? If Yes, please list amount and type.

NO   
 YES

- 1. One-time
- 2. Annual

**Other Comments:** To be utilized in conjunction with current capital funding, which is earmarked for communications-related equipment

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD:**

**PROGRAM NAME:** Public Safety Communications Equipment Upgrade and Improvement

**NEW**                       **CONTINUATION**  
**(Check One of the Above)**

**FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT:** \$205,467.68

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Annual PSAP Grant, State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety and Emergency Protection, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:** To continue to improve the reliability of communications systems in support of Public Safety, the NHFD, and the NHPD.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY'S PROPOSAL:** Replacement of obsolete radio equipment with up-to-date equipment, adding to the reliability of the system

**MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any):** Match required, which funding will be covered by the current capital budget earmarked for PSAP equipment upgrades.

**ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST:** N/A

**DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION:** New Haven Public Safety Communications

**CONTACT PERSON:** Joseph F. Vitale, Jr., Director

**DATE:** February 6, 2026

<b>GRANT SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Grant Title:</b>	Public Safety Communications Radio improvement and upgrade
<b>MUNIS #:</b>	
<b>City Department:</b>	New Haven Public Safety Communications
<b>City Contact Person &amp; Phone:</b>	Joseph F.Vitale, Jr. Director
<b>Funding Level:</b>	\$205,467.68
<b>Funding Period:</b>	July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027
<b>Funding Source:</b>	State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications
<b>Funding Source Contact Person &amp; Phone</b>	Mark Gorka 860-685-8531
<b>Purpose of Program:</b>	Replacement and upgrade of communications equipment
<b>Personnel (salary):</b>	NONE
<b>Personnel (Worker's Comp):</b>	NONE
<b>Personnel (Med. Benefit):</b>	NONE
<b>Non-Personnel (total):</b>	NONE
<b>Non-Personnel (M &amp; U):</b>	NONE
<b>New or Renewal?</b>	NEW
<b>Limits on spending (e.g., Admin. Cap)?</b>	N/A
<b>Reporting requirements: Fiscal</b>	Upon completion of the project, submit a letter requesting reimbursement that references the PO number within 120 days of approval. Include invoices and proof of payment.
<b>Reporting requirements: Programmatic</b>	N/A
<b>Due date of first report:</b>	N/A
<b>Audit Requirements:</b>	N/A



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**GRANT NAME State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications**

DEPARTMENT New Haven Department of Public Safety Communications

DATE February 6, 2026

Funding request: \$205,467.68, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027

The New Haven Department of Public Safety Communications is seeking funding from the State of Connecticut to upgrade and improve communications equipment for the City, for both the Police and Fire Departments, thereby enhancing system reliability with up-to-date equipment.

The project focuses on replacing communications equipment nearing the end of its support and service life.

The PSC capital account will provide matching funds for equipment upgrades.