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### **ROCKFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL HOST TERT/TELECOMMUNICATOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM CLASS**

ROCKFORD – September 19, 2012 – On Friday, September 21, 2012, Rockford, IL will be the site for Telecommunicator Emergency Response Training for 9-1-1 (TERT). 9-1-1 Telecommunicators from throughout the state of Illinois will converge at Rockford Mass Transit’s east side transfer center to complete another phase of an extensive training program for deployment eligibility.

Rockford Fire Department is hosting the TERT/Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team training and will be sending four of their 9-1-1 Telecommunicators through the course. Upon completion, all attendees will be one step closer to becoming deployment ready. Trained TERT members can be called upon to assist with emergency communications for disasters such as the devastating Katrina hurricane.

TERT students will also tour a communications vehicle on site, at approximately 1:30 p.m. to learn how to set-up and operate field communications during an emergency or disaster situation.

Brian Tegtmeier, Executive Director of Du-Comm/DuPage Public Safety Communications and the IL-TERT State Coordinator, will be the lead instructor on Friday.