Stephan Bunker Farmington Fire Department

In an effort to reduce response times by fire departments, and still retain the full benefits of structured dispatch protocols, I would suggest the option to implement what is called a "pre-alert" which are used in many centers around the country. Our protocols allow the option to centers, with the agreement from their departments to adopt a policy where an alert or text message can be sent out, with minimum call details such as location and call type. This gives the department notice of an impending call, while the dispatcher returns to the protocol and completes the required questioning as trained, to be shared with the responding department while enroute. This increases response times and retains our valuable structured dispatch protocol system. Negates LD 1291.