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Marguerite Oliva
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Lexington Retirement Board
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Dear Ms. Oliva:

This correspondence is in response to your e-mail message dated November 2, 1998 in which you sought our opinion on the proper group classification for police and fire dispatchers in your system. You indicate the dispatchers are currently classified in group 1 and a question exists as to whether they should be classified in group 2.

G.L. c. 32, § 3(2)(g) provides that retirement boards are to classify all members into one of the four group classifications as described in that section. Group 2 members are defined by their job title or position with the exception that it includes "certain employees of the commonwealth or county whose regular and major duties require them to have the care, custody, instruction or other supervision of parolees or persons who are mentally ill or mentally deficient or defective delinquents or wayward children."

The list of group 2 members includes "employees of a municipal department who are employed as fire or police signal operators or signal maintenance repairman." If police and fire dispatcher is the title given to the position of fire or police signal operators or signal maintenance repairman in your town, it would be appropriate to classify the holder of the position in group 2. Otherwise, it would appear that the appropriate classification would be in group 1. While the Commission can provide assistance, the retirement board has the responsibility for group classifications.

We trust the foregoing is of assistance. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Stalnak
Executive Director