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This edition of NFPA 1061, *Standard for Public Safety Telecommunications Personnel Professional Qualifications*, was prepared by the Technical Committee on Public Safety Telecommunicator Professional Qualifications, released by the Correlating Committee on Professional Qualifications. It was issued by the Standards Council on November 10, 2017, with an effective date of November 30, 2017, and supersedes all previous editions.

This edition of NFPA 1061 was approved as an American National Standard on November 30, 2017.

Origin and Development of NFPA 1061

The Committee on Public Safety Telecommunicator Professional Qualifications was organized in 1992 to have primary responsibility for professional qualifications for public safety dispatchers. The first edition of NFPA 1061 was published in 1996.

For the 2002 edition, the committee reviewed the 1996 edition of the standard and updated some JPRs, requisite knowledge, and requisite skills where needed. The entire document was reformatted to comply with the new *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents*.

For the 2007 edition, the committee made minor revisions in the existing chapters to reflect current technology and terminology. The committee also added a chapter for Public Safety Telecommunicator III. This level responds to the command post of a large incident to provide communications and documentation for the command post.

For the 2014 edition, the committee made significant revisions to include correlations with Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials documents. Definitions and job performance requirements for specific positions reflected then-current and expanded roles for public safety communications. It was the intent of the Technical Committee to include a broader range of telecommunication positions. Where plausible, consideration for awareness of evolving technology in the industry and the personnel responsible was addressed. While not the sole driving influence on this document, consideration for Next Generation 9-1-1 Preservation Act of 2010 initiatives and mutually recognized projects conveyed the concerns for the quickly evolving technology-based public safety communication industry.

For the 2018 edition, the committee reformatted the chapters of the document to align with the template recommended by the Correlating Committee on Professional Qualifications. The committee updated extracts and definitions for the revised document. The committee evaluated and revised as necessary the job performance requirements for the positions identified in the document. The committee responded to public comments and affirmed its scope to include all public safety telecommunicators, while acknowledging other ANSI-accredited standards, such as those published by APCO, for informational reference.

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Committee Scope: This Committee shall have primary responsibility for the management of the NFPA Professional Qualifications Project and documents related to professional qualifications for fire service, public safety, and related personnel.