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**DC FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 36 ECHOES WARD 4 ANC’S CALLS FOR THE DC AUDITOR TO AUDIT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DC OFFICE OF UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS**

WASHINGTON, DC (September 10, 2020)- The District of Columbia Firefighters Association, Local 36 of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), supports the request of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s request for a formal audit of the operations at the Office of Unified Communications.

The audit was originally requested by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and has gained support from additional ANC’s as community concern continues to increase as several significant and unacceptable incidents have surfaced in recent months.

Repeated errors at OUC have put the public and members of local 36 at risk. We look forward to an investigation by the DC Auditor to ensure the highest level of efficiency of service to our communities while maintaining the safety of our workforce.

“We have long advocated for accountability at the Office of Unified Communications. When seconds count we don’t have minutes to address an error,” said Local 36 President Dabney Hudson. “We look forward to an audit in order for our members to properly serve the citizens and visitors of the District of Columbia.”