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Emergency Outdoor Warning System Now Serving More Residents of Natchitoches Parish...

System activated during recent storm system activity...

Natchitoches, LA., January 26, 2012 — The Natchitoches Parish Communications District (Natchitoches 9-1-1) announced today that final acceptance testing is complete for Phase II of the NATCHITOCHEES PARISH EMERGENCY OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM. Final testing and acceptance of the system was completed on January 20, 2012. The announcement comes on the heels of a severe storm system that moved through the area earlier this week during which the system was activated three times. With the completion of Phase II of this project, Natchitoches Parish now has a total of nineteen (19) emergency outdoor warning system siren sites serving the City of Natchitoches and now the communities of Camtapi, Cloutierville, Fairview Alpha, Goldonna, Marthaville, Provencal, Lakeview, Natchez, Robeline, Clarence, Powhatan and Ashland.

While the system is designed to alert citizens of imminent severe weather or other emergencies and threats, it should not be relied upon as a sole means of emergency notifications. Because many factors can impact how well these units can be heard outdoors, and especially indoors, residents are encouraged to also equip themselves with a NOAA Weather Radio, and monitor local media outlets when sky conditions indicate the threat of severe weather. For more information on the *Natchitoches Parish Emergency Outdoor Warning* system, you may visit www.natchitoches911.org.

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About the Natchitoches Parish Communications District (Natchitoches 9-1-1)

Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 is committed to providing fast, efficient and effective access to emergency public safety services for all the citizens and visitors to Natchitoches Parish. Since 1988 the "District" has served in a pivotal role ensuring the safety of residents and visitors to Natchitoches Parish by providing the support services, which connects the citizens experiencing emergencies with emergency services via the use of one, easy to remember and simple to use 3-digit number, 9-1-1. The Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 District provides the equipment and systems necessary to receive 9-1-1 calls from the nearly 40,000 residents of the parish, as well as the ever-increasing numbers of visitors to the area. We are proud to serve as "Natchitoches Parish's Gateway to Public Safety Services".

Find out more at www.natchitoches911.org.