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## **Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 Commission Elects Officers for 2015 Terms, and Receives Updates on Projects...**

**Natchitoches, LA., January 20, 2015** — During its first meeting of the New Year, the Natchitoches Parish Communications District Board of Commissioners re-elected Larry Atteridge to serve as Chairman of the Commission for the 2015 term. Re-elected as Vice Chairman is Micky Dove, and Commissioner Mary Jones will return serving as Secretary. Chairman Atteridge voiced his optimism for a productive year for the commission stating that: *"9-1-1 in Natchitoches Parish has made significant progress over the past few years, and we look forward to at least two more major upgrades in 2015 which is the installation of a new 9-1-1 telephone system scheduled for late spring, and ground breaking for our new emergency communications center later in the fall. We remain committed to providing a well-coordinated and effective emergency response system which will serve the residents and visitors to Natchitoches parish when crisis arises"*.

In addition to the election of officers 2015, 9-1-1 Director Willis Carter reported that the architectural plans for the Emergency 9-1-1 Communications Center have received the first round of approval from the state of Louisiana. This culminates the "planning" phase of the project, and the commission is hopeful that it will receive approval soon to proceed with the construction phase of the project. Carter also reported that as of January 1, 2015 customers of T-Mobile, AT&T Mobility, Cellular One, Verizon and Sprint now have benefit of wireless location technology when they dial 9-1-1 from their wireless cell phones. *"This is extremely beneficial in situations when a caller may not know their location"* said Chief of Communications LaQuita Collins of the Natchitoches Sheriff's Office. She went on to say that this technology has already been used recently to locate a lost person in Kisatchie National Forest.

In other business, the commission approved Resolution Number 1 of 2015 setting the dates for it's the monthly meeting schedule for 2015. Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Council Meeting Room 211, located on the second floor of the courthouse. The commission also passed Resolution Number 2 of 2015 approving the engagement of Deborah Dees, CPA to conduct the communications district annual audit.

Residents of Natchitoches Parish are reminded to mark their residences and businesses clearly with their official 9-1-1 address to ensure prompt response by emergency responders. Proper addressing and marking information is available from the 9-1-1 addressing office located at 716 Second Street, or by calling 357-8300.

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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".*

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