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Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 Commission Receives Composite Rendering of New Emergency Communications Center...

Natchitoches, LA., March 23, 2015 — In addition to the regular business of the Natchitoches Parish Communications District during its March 17th meeting, Commissioners were treated to a long awaited glimpse of a “photo like” rendering of the Natchitoches Parish Emergency Communications Center which has a targeted groundbreaking before the end of 2015. Designed to house the Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 administrative, addressing, and GIS Mapping functions, Natchitoches Sheriff’s Office communications, Natchitoches Police Department communications, the Natchitoches Parish Ambulance Service communications, the Natchitoches Fire Department communications, and the Natchitoches Parish Office of Homeland Security, the initial conceptual design work for the just over 8,000 sq. ft. facility referred to as “NATCOM” was first introduced following recommendations outlined in a Communications Consolidation and PSAP study which was commissioned by the communications district in July of 2009. According to commission Chair Larry Atteridge *“all of these entities can benefit greatly by having their respective communications functions located in a centralized state-of-the-art facility, designed specifically to support public safety emergency communications operations. This is an essential part to building and maintaining a well-coordinated emergency response system.”*

In other business, the Commission approved a resolution authorizing a 2% cost of living increase for its personnel in 2015. The commission also passed a resolution in support of sponsoring four public safety communications officers to attend the annual Association of Public Safety Communications Officials Communications Training Symposium in Lake Charles in April of this year.

Public safety agencies in Natchitoches parish continue to encourage residents and businesses to post their official 9-1-1 address properly 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”.*

Find out more at www.natchitoches911.org.