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9-1-1 Commission Meets for first time in 2018...

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Natchitoches, La., January 24, 2018 (0800 Hours) – The Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 Communications Commission conducted its first meeting for 2018 on January 23, 2018. The first order of business was the swearing in by Natchitoches Parish Clerk of Court, David Stamey, of the Commission’s newest member, Fire Chief John Wynn. Chief Wynn replaces outgoing city of Natchitoches Fire Chief Crit Miller, who retired on January 22, 2018. Board Chairman, Chief Micky Dove, thanked outgoing Commissioner Miller for his dedicated service to the Commission and welcomed Chief Wynn to the Commission during an exciting time involving many changes in the 9-1-1 community.

In addition to regular business, the Communications Commission also adopted resolutions confirming the its meeting dates for 2018, approving the employee holiday schedule for 2018, approving an operational strategy for the relocation of both public safety 9-1-1 call answering facilities to the new NATCOM Emergency Communications facility upon its completion, and approving the engagement of Ms. Deborah Dees, CPA, to perform the 2017 annual audit. Officers for the 2018 term are Chief Micky Dove, Chairman, Mr. Larry Atteridge, Vice Chairman, and Ms. Mary Jones, Secretary.

Architect George Minturn and 9-1-1 Director Carter also provided the Commission with an update of the NATCOM project. Minturn stated that weather has caused many delays that has resulted in the completion date for the project being pushed possibly to March 2018. Carter states that “delays in the project have been frustrating; however I am confident that the citizens, visitors, and travelers through Natchitoches will be rewarded with an opportunity to see a much more effective public safety deployment process when the facility is completed”.

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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.