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## **North Louisiana 9-1-1 Directors Meet**

*Directors discuss issues critical to emergency 9-1-1 services...*

**Monroe, LA., September 27, 2012** - 9-1-1 Directors from Webster, Natchitoches, Caddo, Bienville, Jackson, Madison, Union, Ouachita and Bossier Parishes met on Thursday, September 27, 2012 in the Ouachita Parish Emergency Communications facility in Monroe, La. to discuss issues common to area 9-1-1 communications districts. In addition to each director's update on various projects, other topics of discussion included Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and how incorrect addressing can impact emergency services, the potential benefits of assessing a fee- for addressing services including providing property markers, the trend of diminishing revenues associated with wire line telephone accounts, and the utilization of Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) systems to name a few. A round table discussion on the progress of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) was also conducted. Mr. David Carter, representing AT&T was present as was Mr. Gary Mirabeau, representing Pictometry. Mr. Mirabeau gave a short demonstration on digital, oblique aerial photography..



The 9-1-1 Directors from across north Louisiana meet quarterly to discuss current issues related to 9-1-1 and to share ideas and information of common interest. The next 9-1-1 Directors' meeting is scheduled for December in I.E. Carroll Parish.

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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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