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## **9-1-1 Commission Elects Officers for 2013**

*Board signals confidence in current leadership...*

**Natchitoches, LA., January 22, 2013** — During the January 22, 2013 meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Communications District's Board of Commissioners, elections were held for the 2013 Board of Officers. The Board of Commissioners showed their support and confidence in Commissioner Larry Atteridge, Commissioner Doug Birdwell, and Commissioner Jennifer Perkins by re-electing them to second terms to serve as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary respectively.

When asked about service on the 9-1-1 Communications District's board, Chairman Atteridge said: "collectively this board shares a very high level of commitment to improving public safety services here in Natchitoches Parish. Over the course of just a few short years this collective effort has resulted in the expansion of our Emergency Warning System, which now better serves a wider area of the parish, and dramatic improvements have been made to the system and processes, which are used by staff to assign 9-1-1 addresses and locate our citizens during times of emergency. In addition, we are very close to beginning the planning process for our new Emergency Communications facility, which will house and provide support for the operations of all of our emergency first response agencies in the Parish. We are very pleased with our progress."

Commissioner Perkins agreed with Atteridge and added: "It is always an honor to serve Natchitoches Parish residents in any capacity, but especially so in the context of improving emergency communications. The safety of our citizens will be my highest priority as a voting member of the board of commissioners.

Officer elections for the Natchitoches Parish Communications District are held each year at the January meeting.

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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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