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9-1-1 District Begins Second Phase of Address Verification Work

NATCHITOCHES, LA., According to Sheriff Victor Jones, the “ability of emergency first responders to quickly locate the residents and visitors to Natchitoches Parish in times of emergencies can be critical to their survival during times of emergencies”.

Recognizing the critical importance of correct location information during times of emergencies, in 2012 the Natchitoches Parish Communications District implemented “Project Locate” in an effort to better identify and/or correct 9-1-1 addresses throughout the parish. May 6, 2013 marked the beginning of the second phase of efforts aimed at improving address accuracy throughout the parish. During the month of May, Natchitoches Parish Communications District staff along with representatives from Geographic Technologies Group of Goldsboro, North Carolina will team up and physically travel the parish highways and roads to identify an estimated 5,000 addresses scattered over 1,200 sq. miles of Natchitoches Parish. According to Willis Carter, 9-1-1 Director for Natchitoches Parish, “addressing is a major part of our work, and we feel strongly that not only having a correct address, but also having it clearly posted can dramatically increase the chances of survival during times of emergencies”.

The 9-1-1 team will be traveling in a marked vehicle, and will have proper identification. Residents are encouraged to assist the team if asked.

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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.