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### **Natchitoches Parish Communications District**

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## **9-1-1 Communications District Elects Officers for the 2014 Term...**

**Natchitoches, LA., January 24, 2014** — On January 21, 2014 the Board of Commissioners to the Natchitoches Parish Communications District elected officers for the 2014 term. Commissioner Larry Atteridge was reelected to serve a second term as Chair. Commissioner Mickey Dove will serve as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Mary Jones will continue her role as Secretary. Commission Chair Larry Atteridge thanked his colleagues for their service and offered a special thanks to Commissioner Doug Birdwell for his service as Vice Chair for the 2012 and 2013 terms.

In other business, Commissioners approved Resolution 1 of 2014, which adopts the meeting schedule for 2014. The Commission also approved Resolution 2 of 2014, which establishes language interpretation services in support of 9-1-1 call answering from non-English speaking individuals. Communications Manager for the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, LeQuita Collins, spoke to the Commission regarding the need for a service of this type and provided insight into the frequency of 9-1-1 calls received from non-English speaking individuals. NATCOM project architect George Minturn provided an update on the Emergency Communications facility project, and announced July 7, 2014 as his target date for the completion of the planning stage of the project.

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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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