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9-1-1 Commission Commends Support for Professional Standards...

Natchitoches, LA., October 21, 2014 — Emergency 9-1-1 communications personnel, from the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office and the City of Natchitoches Police Department, have recently achieved certification as Public Safety Telecommunicator 1 through the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials Institute (APCO).

The APCO Public Safety Telecommunicator 1, 6th Edition meets and exceeds minimum training standards for Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators APCO training standards are widely recognized as the national industry standard for emergency telecommunicator training. The Public Safety Telecommunicator 1, 6th Edition course blends the knowledge and skill building information needed for a basic emergency telecommunicator with the most up-to-date information on the technology and issues surrounding today's public safety emergency communications center.

On behalf of the Natchitoches Parish Communications District Board of Commissioners, during the October 21, 2014 Communications Commission meeting, 9-1-1 Commission Chairman Larry Atteridge commended Sheriff Victor Jones and Police Chief Micky Dove for supporting professional standards for their emergency 9-1-1 call takers and dispatchers and congratulated both departments on this accomplishment. Atteridge stated that "*subscribing to professional standards and training to those standards are vital to our efforts to establish an effective emergency response system. With respect to Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1, we remain dedicated to serving as Natchitoches Parish's Gateway to Public Safety Services*".

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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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