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NATCHITOCHE 9-1-1 ANNOUNCES NEW GUIDELINES FOR 9-1-1 ADDRESS APPLICATIONS ...

For Immediate Release: **Natchitoches, La., March 18, 2020** – In anticipation of need and recognizing the potential risks associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 Communications District has announced more stringent measures aimed at protecting the NATCOM 9-1-1 facility, and our public safety call takers and dispatchers from the spread of the COVID-19 virus. In addition to internal controls, until further notice all visits and tours of the NATCOM facility are cancelled. 9-1-1 Address Applications will continue to be processed **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** at an outside location near the main entrance to the facility. Call 357-8300 for appointments.

Fire Chief John Wynn, Chairman of the Communications Commission, urges everyone to remain vigilant against this threat, and cooperate with federal, state, and local officials in the fight against the Corona virus. *“We are taking these actions to ensure that you continue to have quick and easy access to public safety services by protecting your 9-1-1 system here in Natchitoches 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”. Find out more at: www.natchitoches911.org.