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### **NATCHITOCHE 9-1-1 TO SUSPEND 9-1-1 ADDRESS APPLICATION PROCESSING AS THE RESULT OF COVID-19 ...**

For Immediate Release: **Natchitoches, La., March 24, 2020** – For the protection of our personnel, and critical public safety personnel the public in an effort to reduce spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 Communications District has announced that it will suspend routine processing of 9-1-1 address applications effective at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 24, 2020.

Willis Carter, Executive Director of the Natchitoches Parish Communications District, said that address Applications will continue to be accepted for those individuals wishing to apply for addresses (outside the City limits of Natchitoches) **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** and at an outside area which has been set up near the main entrance to the NATCOM facility, located at 9-1-1 Public Safety Blvd. off Industrial Drive. Applicants must call **357-8300** to arrange an appointment. Applicants are reminded that addresses will not be issued until after application processing resumes. That work will remain on hold until after the risk of the Corona COVID - virus spread has been downgraded.

Carter said that both he and the Districts Address Coordinator will be working both from their homes as well as the office, and will respond promptly to voice mails and emails.

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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](http://www.natchitoches911.org).*