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Whitehall Police Dept.
Roosevelt Park Police Dept.
North Muskegon Police Dept.

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To Our Citizens,

The Muskegon COPS Board is a committee of law enforcement leaders representing all the local communities in our county. We have existed for many years with the expressed purpose of improving law enforcement services through cooperative efforts between agencies and coordinated planning. We are driven by our concern for the safety of all citizens and our officers that are daily providing service to you. It is because of that concern that we individually, and as a whole endorse the proposed local 9-1-1 Surcharge for Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1 services.

This concern is not a new one and has been discussed and studied thoroughly. The equipment and technology used for emergency communications that are so vital to the community's safety are outdated and now to a point of being unrepairable. Our county has also outgrown the original communications design and our needs extend further to outlying communities. Muskegon is now one of the few remaining counties in Michigan without an 800 MHz radio system making our system incompatible with neighboring counties. Newer technology improves the communication performance and ability by providing extra channels, greater voice clarity and interoperability.

Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1 set aside the desired improvements during the last decade as we all struggled through a difficult economy but we are now at a critical juncture that necessitates a move forward. The local 9-1-1 Surcharge proposal will generate the funds necessary to restructure our radio communication system and provide for future growth by setting aside funds now. The money collected by the surcharge can only be used for local 9-1-1 infrastructure and operations and not for any other city or county operations.

We are asking that for your safety and ours that you support the local 9-1-1 Surcharge proposal on November 6th.

Sincerely,

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