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To Our Citizens,

The Muskegon Area Fire Chiefs Association is comprised of the Chief Fire Officers of every fire department in Muskegon County that work collaboratively with one another to provide the best fire protection services with the resources provided. Our mission is to provide safety to all citizens, visitors and all fire personnel that are providing service to our customers daily. It is because of that concern the Muskegon Area Fire Chiefs Association endorses the proposed local 9-1-1 surcharge for Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1 services.

The equipment and technology used for emergency communications that are so vital to the community's safety is outdated and now to a point that replacement components are no longer manufactured. 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 not utilizing the statewide radio system for our primary communication, making our system incompatible with neighboring counties. Newer technology improves the communication performance and ability of providing additional channels, greater voice clarity and interoperability. This system operates on the 800 MHz platform and is operated by the State of Michigan.

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 9-1-1 infrastructure and operations and not for any other city, township or county operations.

We are asking for your safety and ours that you carefully review the proposal and ask questions prior to voting on November 6th.

Yours in education and safety,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan R. Styles".

Alan R. Styles, President  
Muskegon Area Fire Chiefs Association