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Public Safety Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1 on the ballot May 7, 2019

The public safety radio network and communication infrastructure needs to be replaced. A reliable communication network, with a backup, is critical for citizens and public safety throughout Muskegon County. Our 29 Police, Fire, EMS, and 9-1-1 dispatch agencies are using an analog communication system when 73 out of 84 counties have moved to digital communications. Attached is an audio clip of radio transmission that occurs on a daily basis between police or fire responders and dispatch. This radio transmission is unacceptable and when seconds count, police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and dispatchers need to be heard the first time, because they may not get a second chance.

The current funding is no longer sufficient and requires additional surcharge funds to make the necessary changes, which will replace and update the following items:

- **Radios** - Build five new towers to join the Statewide 800 MHz digital radio network and purchase 1700 radio devices for all public safety agencies throughout Muskegon County. The current VHF system has components that can no longer be serviced and are unreliable.
- **Mobile Data Computers** – Current computers need to be replaced. When repairs are possible, and if parts are available, it is costly as the computers are no longer made. The computers are used by the responders for their day-to-day tasks and provide them with important information about calls for service, in real time from dispatch.
- **Fiber Optic Network Backup** – There is no backup to the countywide fiber network. If there is a fiber line damaged or cut, public safety no longer has connectivity for administrative phones, shared data records, computer connectivity or redundant radio backup.
- **Facility** – The server room is over capacity as there is no more room for additional equipment. Additionally the current cooling unit is no longer reliable, and additional space is required for equipment and staff.
- **Revolving Capital Replacement Fund** – A revolving fund needs to be established to plan for replacement cost for radios, computers, 9-1-1 phone equipment, software and associated maintenance costs.

A surcharge will allow public safety 9-1-1 to make the necessary improvements over the next thirteen years. The requested surcharge will not exceed \$2.75 per month and will begin July 1, 2019.

Additional detailed information about any of these topics, ballot language, and informational video/audio clips can be found at the following locations:

Webpage: www.mcd911.net

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For additional information or schedule a presentation at your next event, call Shawn M. Grabinski, Executive Director at 231-722-3524, ext. 1004.

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