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Orleans Parish Communication District

New Orleans 9-1-1 Administration

JULY 2007

NEW COMMUNICATION COMPLEX**ADDRESS CHANGE****UPCOMING EVENTS****Visit us on the web****Www.911nola.org**

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We now have 9-1-1 patches available

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APCO International Conference**Baltimore, Maryland****August 5-9, 2007**

This is the latest drawing of the new 9-1-1 Communication Center. The location of the center will be located behind the current PSAP. We are continuing to progress on this project on schedule and expect to break ground at the end of the year. Expected completion of Phase I will be early 2009

OPCD new administration offices are now located at the former site of the temporary PSAP. Our new address is 118 City Park Avenue. The old administrative office building address is 100 City Park Avenue. The address of the Communication Center PSAP is 114 City Park Avenue. The Roman Capitol building address is 116 City Park Avenue.

COUNCIL MEMBER VISIT

Council Member Shelley Midura visited the June Meeting of the OPCD Board of Commissioners to render her support of the

redevelopment of the area including the building of the new Communication Center.

LOOKING FOR YOUR NEWS

- Please send us all birthday announcement, anniversaries, retirement news, new employees information or anything that you would like to see publicized
- Send all information to info@811nola.org or Ausetua Amor Amenkum, 671-3612 aamenkum@911nola.org

SECURITY MEASURES AT PSAP

OPCD is currently on schedule with security upgrades with the recent installation of proximity boxes at front and rear entrances of the PSAP. The installation of electronic gates will require all Communication personnel to have electronic swipe cards for entry through the gates and through the front and

back doors of the Communication Center. OPCD will provide all personnel with Identification cards and card holders. Visitors coming to the Center will be required to ring personnel to gain access through the gates. Entry into the building will require clearance from agency personnel.

Employees will be required to provide OPCD with their vehicle make, model and license plate number and social security number.

Replacement fee for lost or stolen cards is \$20. The processing of identification cards will begin July 16, 2007.

NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The installation of electronic gates will directly impact the flow of traffic around the Communications Center.

- ◆ The driveway at 116 City park (at Roman Capitol building) will be used as an EXIT ONLY.
- ◆ The driveway located along the rear of the Communication Center will now be ONE WAY headed west-bound (towards

Semolina's restaurant)

- ◆ Parking along the rear of the PSAP is allowed only by the chain linked fence. There will be no parking at the rear of the PSAP parallel the building.
- ◆ Visitor parking and reserved parking (agency use) will be located at the front of the building along the wooden fence.
- ◆ Additional Handi-

capped parking will be located in front of the Communication Center .

- ◆ Agency Directors and Commanders parking will be located in front of the building
- ◆ Agency personnel will be allowed to park on the side of the PSAP (six spaces available), the lot inside of the secured area and the lot outside of the secured area

- ◆ Please observe all signs and do not parked in spaces marked OPCD Personnel Only.
- ◆ Please use caution when entering and exiting the premises.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Orleans Parish Communication District Training schedule will resume Fall 2007. There are however many training opportunities that are available to public safety personnel at no cost.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Center for Domestic Preparedness
P.O. Box 5100 Anniston, Alabama
36205

Specializing in providing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training to first responders throughout the country.

Training is completely funded and includes travel to and from the Center, meals and snacks during training period, lodging, training and training material. Mileage is provided for those choosing to drive to the training session. To apply for a course visit the website: <http://cdp.dhs.gov>

You may also contact
David Hall,
Central Region Training Coordinator
(866)213-9547—Toll Free
(256) 847-2084—Voice
(256)231-5140—FAX
(256)591-9523—CELL
Email: halld@cdpemail.dhs.gov

National Incident Management

FEMA Independent Study program offers several courses on line for first responders in communications. There is currently a regional push to have all public safety personnel certified and compliant with National Incident Management System (NIMS). Incident Command training is being developed and offered for a variety of disciplines, including Federal Disaster Workers, Public Works, Law Enforcement, and Public Health.

Recommended courses for Police, Fire and EMS dispatchers and call takers include ICS 100 and ICS 700. These courses and the test is administered on line. For more info visit:
<http://training.fema.gov/IS/>



OPCD is awarding the first ten dispatchers and call takers who complete ICS 100 and ICS 700 a surprise award-gift. This offer is good until July 27, 2007. Please email copies of your certificates to: aamenkum@911nola.org