

"In order to ensure the safety and security of our citizens and our First Responders it is imperative that our 9-1-1 System is capable of receiving and transmitting high quality communications."

~ Sheriff Larry Jerue

CLINTON COUNTY 9-1-1

The Clinton County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Center is the point of contact for all your emergency and non-emergency public safety needs for police, fire and ambulance services.

The county's current public safety radio system equipment has reached its "end of life" and will not be supported after 2021. The current system also does not provide the radio interoperability needed amongst all first responders across the county and bordering counties.

Clinton County Central Dispatch is currently funded by a voter approved monthly surcharge of \$2.75 per device capable of dialing 9-1-1. The revenue from the monthly surcharge has continually decreased at approximately 2% annually due to the loss of landlines and the stabilization of cellular device purchases.

Clinton County voters will be asked to approve a millage proposal in the amount of .85 mills for 9-1-1 center operations and the local voter approved surcharge will be reduced to no more than \$1.50 for the radio system infrastructure.

The 9-1-1 Center is responsible for managing the public safety radio system in Clinton County, with approximately 750 radios in use by police, fire, EMS and special operations teams throughout the county.

2018 CENTRAL DISPATCH FACTS

122,104

Calls for Service

34,846

Law Enforcement Calls Dispatched

72,720

Law Enforcement Officer Initiated Calls

11,589

Fire and EMS calls

2,949

Utility and Civil Assistance Calls

"The DeWitt Twp. Fire Department is reliant on the Clinton County 911 Dispatch Center for our efficient dispatching services. The new radio system will increase our interoperability with the departments within Clinton County, as well as our surrounding counties. The new radio system will bridge the gap that now exists in the Tri-County area."

~ Chief Dave DeKorte

WHAT'S THE NEED?

The public safety agencies researched the options and recommended joining the Michigan Public Safety Communication System (MPSCS) for seamless communications amongst Clinton County first responders. The MPSCS will also improve interoperability with the bordering counties and 80% of the counties in Michigan that currently use the radio system. This is essential, as larger emergencies often require public safety resources from neighboring counties.

CURRENT AVERAGE COST:

3 phones per residence \$2.75 x 3 x 12= \$99

PROPOSED AVERAGE COST:

3 phones per residence \$1.50 x 3 x 12= \$54
 Average Taxable Value \$85,000 x .00085 \$72
 Total \$126

AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE:

\$27

WHAT'S THE COST?

The estimated capital cost for Clinton County to transition to the MPSCS Radio System is roughly \$8 million.

- If approved, the local surcharge, currently at \$2.75, would decrease to \$1.50 per month in July 2020 or \$18.00 per year per device and cover capital costs.
- If approved, the millage of .85 mills will generate approximately \$2.5 million annually to fund the 911 Center Operations. The new millage amount would go into effect December 2020.