



Charleston County Media Alert

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SPECIAL MEDIA INVITATION: *Signing ceremony for Consolidated 9-1-1 Center Intergovernmental Agreement — great photo opportunity!*

What: Join us tonight for a ceremonial signing of an important proclamation! The action taken by County Council tonight will finalize the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Charleston County Consolidated 9-1-1 Center.

Jurisdictions representing nine current emergency dispatch centers are participants in the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Consolidated 9-1-1 Center. Representatives of these jurisdictions will join County Council tonight to celebrate.

This major step shows the jurisdictions' continuing commitment to participate in efforts toward establishing the Charleston County Consolidated 9-1-1 Center as the single contact point for the notification of emergencies and receipt of emergency assistance requests, and for the control of coordinated communications for law enforcement, EMS and fire response.

When: **Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. (Early on the County Council agenda)**

Where: Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building
Council chambers 4045 Bridge View Drive; North Charleston, S.C. 29405

Who: **Speakers/VIP's: County Council members; North Charleston Police Chief Jon Zumalt; Charleston County Sheriff J. Al Cannon, Jr.; and representatives from the Town of Mt. Pleasant; City of North Charleston, City of Isle of Palms; City of Folly Beach; James Island PSD; St. Andrews PSD; and St. John's Fire District.**

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Background: The Countywide Emergency Communications Consolidation Feasibility Study, completed in April 2007, indicated that consolidating emergency communications in Charleston County is feasible and will increase the efficiency of emergency response to our citizens.

The Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Committee, a multi-jurisdictional group of law enforcement, EMS and fire officials, worked together to design an Intergovernmental Agreement that sets forth a governing structure and other project implementation details.