

RESOLUTION NUMBER 837

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO EXPRESSING THE CITY OF KETCHUM'S SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENHANCED 9-1-1 EMERGENCY PHONE SERVICE AND A COUNTYWIDE CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER RUN BY A USER BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Final Report of the Communications Consolidation Feasibility Study was completed by Pacific Consulting Services in September 2000, and endorsed by the Wood River/Sawtooth EMS Council and the Emergency Communications Work Group.

WHEREAS, this study recommends consolidating all Blaine County Emergency Communications into a single Enhanced 9-1-1 (E 9-1-1) County Center under the direction of a non-user Communications Manager that works closely with a User Board made up of all Emergency Services Chiefs or Department Heads.

WHEREAS, the current dispatch centers do not meet the standards of the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials (APCO), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for Public Communication Centers or standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Installation of new E 9-1-1 technology and CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) systems into each of the current centers and the operation and maintenance of two centers in the county, would not be a cost effective solution.

WHEREAS, the Communications Consolidation Feasibility Study recommends that in the short term all technology platforms be consolidated between the two existing centers with a distributed telephone network that is capable of E 9-1-1 as a short term upgrade.

WHEREAS, that once the installation of E 9-1-1 is accomplished and funding solutions are in place for the construction of a new consolidated center, a transition to total county-wide consolidation will follow.

WHEREAS, the consolidation into a single modern county communication center with E 9-1-1 and CAD can improve survival rates of medical patients, reduce property loss from fire and expedite law enforcement to the scene of a crime in progress by reducing dispatch and response times.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ketchum, Idaho:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Ketchum, Idaho hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the City and the inhabitants thereof in order to protect and

promote the public health, safety and welfare that the installation of E 9-1-1 Service be done as quickly as possible; and


Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Ketchum, Idaho hereby supports the concept and implementation of a single consolidated County Emergency Communication Center run by a User Board following the installation of E 9-1-1 in the current existing centers when funding and all required resources are available.

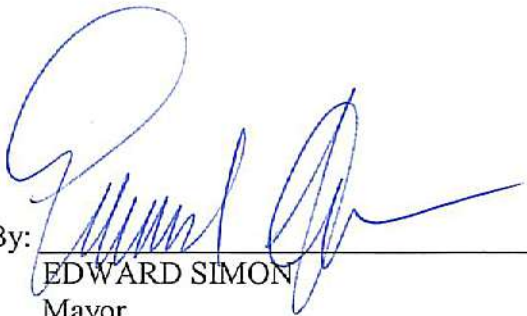
Section 3: That the City Council of the City of Ketchum, Idaho recommends to the County Commissioners of Blaine County that they support and approve funding to be derived from a one-dollar per telephone line charge to begin the process of installing E 9-1-1 capability as soon as possible.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2002.



ATTEST:


Sandra E. Cady
City Clerk

By: 
EDWARD SIMON
Mayor

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