KALAMAZOO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH AUTHORITY

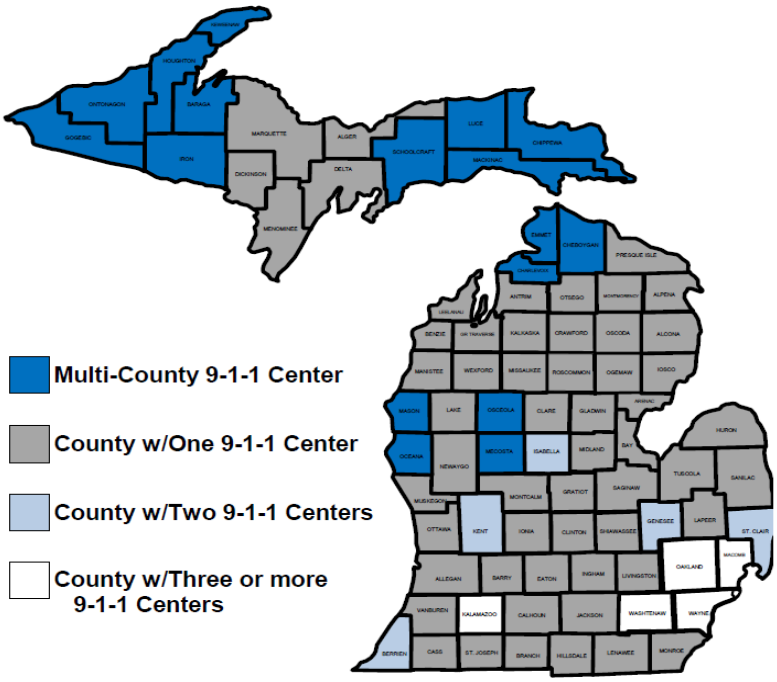
May 2nd—Proposition for 9-1-1 System Funding

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall the County of Kalamazoo, Michigan, be authorized to assess a surcharge on all devices capable of accessing the 9-1-1 system located in Kalamazoo County of up to $2.30 per month for a period of five (5) years, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, both inclusive, to be used exclusively for the funding of 9-1-1 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Kalamazoo County, including facilities, equipment and maintenance, and operating costs?

WHAT WILL THIS DO?

When you call 9-1-1 in Kalamazoo County, your call will route to one of FIVE 9-1-1 centers depending on your location and the type of device you are calling from. An independent consultant's report in 2013 identified multiple key deficiencies with having FIVE centers: forces time sensitive delays and duplicated technological costs. This proposition will consolidate 9-1-1 services and provide stable funding for the consolidated center for the first ten (10) years.



WHAT ARE THE GOALS?

- Improve emergency and non emergency call-processing times—*getting you help faster*
- Better coordinated service and emergency response
- More cost-effective to operate ONE than Five systems
- Implement *Next Generation 9-1-1* (NG9-1-1) *ready systems* and advanced 9-1-1 technologies
- Make radio communication systems RESILIENT, RELIABLE, and REDUNDANT

WHAT ARE OTHERS DOING?

Most Counties in Michigan have already consolidated 9-1-1 services. 89% of Michigan counties operate a single or multi-county 9-1-1 center and 94% operate two or less. Kalamazoo County operates FIVE centers and is one of only five counties in Michigan that operate more than two (see map on left).

For more information, visit our website: KCCDA911.org 9-1-1 Saves Lives

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