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Carlisle Police Dispatch On Schedule to Transfer to Cumberland County 9-1-1 August 4th.

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania— After a presentation by police and public safety officials at last evenings Carlisle Borough Public Safety Committee meeting, Cumberland County Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Borough of Carlisle remain on schedule for the planned August 4, 2014 7am police dispatch transfer to DPS. In 2013 Carlisle Borough Council voted to transition dispatch from Carlisle's long standing in-house dispatch service to DPS. This transition includes Carlisle transitioning to DPS's 800 MHz Harris OpenSky Radio System. DPS currently dispatches for all other municipal police departments in Cumberland County.

This transition has taken several months with both agencies working closely together to coordinate. Carlisle officers participated in radio training, an overview of DPS operations and spent time observing in the 9-1-1 center. DPS 9-1-1 dispatchers participated in a ride along program to familiarize themselves with Carlisle PD's operation and call area. Carlisle Borough also purchased and installed the required radio equipment during this time.

Both agencies emphasize that Borough of Carlisle residents should dial 9-1-1 for ALL EMERGENCIES. Non-emergency incidents requiring a police response (reporting vandalism, parking complaint or a theft that has already occurred and no suspect is present) should be directed to 717-243-4121. Residents with administrative concerns (special event permits, acquiring a copy of police reports, parking questions) should be directed to 717-243-5252. Carlisle Borough will maintain administrative personnel at the police station from 7am to 11pm each day. Residents with burglar alarm systems that are monitored by independent companies should contact their company to have the reporting number changed to 717-243-4121. Those with auto dialer alarm systems should have their alarm reporting number reprogrammed to the 717-243-4121 number.

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