

Oakland County 911 services enhanced

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A 4 percent surcharge on residential phone lines will finance enhanced 911 services in Oakland County.

By a 22-3 vote, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved the surcharge Nov. 22. The average cost for a one-line household will be 56 cents per month or \$6.84 a year.

The proposal arose after the 1997 Wixom Ford Plant shootings, when 13 public safety agencies were unable to communicate with one another.

"It's a small cost to pay for public safety," Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said. "I want to especially thank Oakland County Commissioner David L. Moffitt for his distinguished leadership to mod-

ernize 911 and public safety communications."

The proposal was sponsored by Moffitt and Dwyer, with Assistant Deputy County Executive Robert Daddow and Captain Mike McCabe of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

First presented to the Board of Commissioners on April 10, 1997, the proposal was aired on the county's first cable TV televised committee meeting on April 7, 1998.

Referring to his campaign promises in 1997 and 1998 to unify public safety communication and enhance 911, Moffitt said, "Promise made, promise kept. Citizens today are assured of a 21st century 911 system in Oakland County."

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