

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA**

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 85- 3 , 2010**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING  
THE WABASH COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana, may adopt ordinances providing for the management and control of a central dispatch system.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Wabash County, Indiana, that a central dispatch department be created to manage and control a central dispatch system.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is now created the Wabash County Central Dispatch Department (“Department”).
2. The Department shall:
  - 2.1. receive 911 emergency calls originating within Wabash County, Indiana,
  - 2.2. receive emergency communications related to Wabash County, Indiana, from the Indiana State Police, the National Weather Service, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, and other state and federal agencies, and
  - 2.3. evaluate, process, and manage such calls and communications, and participate in ongoing evaluation and improvement of the emergency dispatch process, which process includes:
    - 2.3.1. identifying the nature of the request,
    - 2.3.2. prioritizing the severity of the request,
    - 2.3.3. dispatching the necessary resources,
    - 2.3.4. providing safety instructions to the callers, and
    - 2.3.5. coordinating the responding resources as needed.
3. The Department shall be governed by the Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana (“Commissioners”) who shall have final authority over all of the Department’s policy, operational, and budgetary matters.
4. The Commissioners shall employ an Executive Director who shall have responsibility for the day to day operations and personnel of the Department.
5. Partial funding for operation of the Department shall come from the monthly enhanced emergency telephone system fees received by the County as a result of

ordinances adopted under I.C. 36-8-16-1 et. seq., and from enhanced wireless emergency telephone service fees received by the County pursuant to I.C. 36-8-16.5-1 et. seq.

6. There is hereby created a Central Dispatch Advisory Committee ("Committee") which shall operate as follows:

6.1. The members of the Committee shall be those persons who hold the following officers, or their designee:

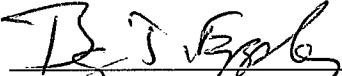
- 6.1.1. President of the Commissioners,
- 6.1.2. President of the Wabash County Council,
- 6.1.3. Mayor of the City of Wabash, Indiana,
- 6.1.4. President of the Wabash City Council,
- 6.1.5. Sheriff of Wabash County, Indiana,
- 6.1.6. Chief of Wabash City Police Department,
- 6.1.7. Chief of North Manchester Police Department,
- 6.1.8. Marshall of LaFontaine, Indiana,
- 6.1.9. Chief of the City of Wabash Fire/EMS Department,
- 6.1.10. President of the Wabash County Volunteer Fire Chief's Association, and
- 6.1.11. Director of the Wabash County Emergency Management Agency.


6.2. The Committee shall meet not less than quarterly with the Department's Executive Director and shall make recommendations to the Commissioners with regard to the Department's policy, operational, and budgetary matters.

7. To the extent required by Indiana law, the Department shall, at all times, comply with, and adhere to, the standards, procedures, formats, and criteria of the Indiana Data and Communications System.

ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

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OF WABASH COUNTY

  
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