

LOCAL LAW NO. 9-1980
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A Local Law Authorizing the Establishment of a County-Wide 911 System for the Dispatching
of Police, Fire and Other Emergency Service Calls

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua, New York as follows:

SECTION I. LEGISLATURE FINDINGS AND INTENT

The County Executive and the Sheriff have presented to the County Legislature a preliminary proposal for a county-wide 911 system for the dispatching of police, fire and other emergency services calls. The Chautauqua County Legislature hereby finds and determines that a Chautauqua County Legislature hereby finds and determines that a county-wide 911 system can reduce response time to police, fire and other emergency calls, eliminate errors in dispatching because of similarities in street and road names, provide positive identification of fire district boundaries for fire and emergency medical services dispatch, and generally provide efficient, cost-effective dispatching.

The Chautauqua County Legislature also finds and determines that a county-wide 911 system can best be developed with the maximum feasible participation of the public and private entities utilizing the system.

SECTION II. CERTAIN ACTS AUTHORIZED

A. The County Executive and the Sheriff are hereby authorized, within budgetary appropriations provided therefore, to take all reasonable and necessary steps for the establishment, operation and administration of a county-wide 911 system in cooperation and coordination with public and private entities within Chautauqua County which are interested and eligible to participate in the system.

B. The County-wide 911 system authorized herein shall consist of three (3) districts, each of which shall be composed of public and private participants situated in that district. Each participant shall contribute to the cost of operating and maintaining the district under a tribute to the cost of operating and maintaining the district under a proportional formula to be prepared and submitted by the County Executive and the Sheriff within ninety (90) days following the adoption of this Local Law for approval by the County Legislature. The formula so approved shall be subject to annual review and revision.

C. The County Executive is hereby authorized, in consultation with the Sheriff and the Chautauqua County 911 Advisory Board and within budgetary appropriations provided therefore, to contract with public and private entities for the establishment, operation and administration of a county-wide 911 system under those terms and conditions best calculated to promote an efficient and cost-effective method of providing integrated police, fire and other emergency services dispatching on a county-wide basis.

SECTION III. CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY 911 ADVISORY BOARD

A. There is hereby created the Chautauqua County 911 Advisory Board, to be composed of the chief elected or executive officer of each public or private entity participating in the 911 system or the designated representative of such officer. This board shall serve as an information-gathering, advisory and planning body for the purposes of assisting the County of Chautauqua in establishing, operating and administering the county-wide 911 system and shall meet at least quarterly for such purposes. The members of the Board shall select the chairperson of the board from the membership of the Board.

B. The Chautauqua County 911 Advisory Board shall have an Executive Committee composed of the Chautauqua County Sheriff, the Chautauqua County Fire Coordinator, the Chairman of the Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board, the President of the Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs' Association, and the fire and police chiefs of the Cities of Jamestown and Dunkirk and the Village of Fredonia. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for coordinating the recommendation of the board and acting as a liaison between the board and the participants in the county-wide 911 system. The members of the Executive Committee shall meet at least monthly.

C. The members of the Chautauqua County 911 Advisory Board shall not be entitled to compensation for performing their official duties as members of the board but shall be entitled, within budgetary appropriations provided therefore, to reimbursement for reasonable and necessary travel and related expenses arising solely from the performance of such duties.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon the date of its filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

Adopted by Legislature 9/24/80
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R/C Vote: 19 Yes; 6 Absent
Effective 10/10/80