CWW

Serving 700,000 Michigan Residents

CWW Represents:

Cities: Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City,
                 Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland

Townships: Canton Charter Township, Huron Charter Township, Northville Charter Township,
                 Plymouth Charter Township, Redford Charter Township, Sumpter Township and
                 Van Buren Charter Township

CWW RESOLUTION 2015-102
SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM TEXT TO 911

June 12, 2015

WHEREAS, The Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), a consortium of eighteen Western Wayne communities in Wayne County who serve a total population of 700,000 residents, has joined in an effort to improve local government and enhance the quality of life for area residents through municipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. population is approximately 313 million and there are an estimated 330 million connected wireless devices in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, there have been exponential increases in the use of text messaging. More than 8 trillion texts were sent in 2014, a 1.1 trillion increase from 2013; and

WHEREAS, 34 million Americans who are deaf or hard of hearing rely on text messaging to communicate, and Text to 911 would be the first equal access to 911 for the deaf and hard of hearing community; and

WHEREAS, Text to 911 can provide assistance in emergency situations where a voice call may be detrimental to the caller's safety; and

WHEREAS, the 12 CWW PSAPs can utilize the GEM software solution at no cost to the individual PSAP. The GEM solution will allow the CWW PSAPs to transfer Text to 911 calls within the CWW region, as well as with Oakland County; and

WHEREAS, each PSAP will be required to have a computer and public IP address. The CWW will financially assist those PSAPs who are not currently equipped with a computer or public IP address; and

WHERAS, the CWW will work with the PSAPs, police departments, wireless providers, and a consultant to do multiple test texts in all necessary areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conference of Western Wayne offers this resolution in support of the implementation of the interim solution for Text to 911 via the GEM software solution.

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 Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, CWW Chairman of the Board:

       I attest that this is a true and correct copy of the Motion
       adopted by the CWW Board of Directors
       at its regular meeting held on June 12, 2015 in
       the Township of Plymouth.

Motion: Supervisor Robert Nix II, Northville Charter Township

Second: Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn

Ayes: Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Charter Township, Chair
       Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville
       Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Canton Charter Township
       Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn
       Mayor Pro Tem Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City
       Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township
       Mayor Jack Kirksey, City of Livonia
       Mayor Chris Johnson, City of Northville
       Supervisor Robert Nix II, Northville Charter Township
       Mayor Dan Dwyer, City of Plymouth
       Supervisor Shannon Price, Plymouth Charter Township
       Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus
       Karen Armatis, Deputy Supervisor, Sumpter Township
       Councilperson Susan Rowe, City of Wayne
       Mayor William Wild, City of Westland

Nays: None

Absent: City of Dearborn Heights
       City of Inkster
       Van Buren Charter Township