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Public Safety Tool Provides Residents with Real-Time Emergency Information

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County has launched a new public information initiative aimed at providing residents with real-time updates on emergency situations. The system, called WebCAD, is designed to improve transparency, raise community awareness, and enhance public safety by sharing critical information directly from the 911 Communications Center.

"Our goal is to keep our community safe and informed," said Robert Shively Jr., Director of Cumberland County Department of Public Safety. "The public WebCAD sharing initiative is a significant step forward, providing residents with the tools they need to make informed decisions during emergencies."

The platform allows users to track emergency services, such as fire trucks and EMS vehicles, and view real-time incidents on an interactive map. However, sensitive information related to ongoing investigations will not be shared.

"When residents see a fire truck, or EMS vehicle, they will be able to see where there is an emergency in their neighborhood, on the WebCAD map," said Shively. "If there is an incident where detailed information cannot be shared, residents will be notified through other avenues if they need to take action, whether it's sheltering in place, evacuating or avoiding the area."

Key Benefits of the Public Information Sharing Initiative:

Real-Time Updates: By leveraging modern technology, the 911 Communications Center can share critical information directly with the community, ensuring that residents are informed and can take appropriate action.

Enhanced Community Awareness: WebCAD keeps residents informed about local emergencies with timely and accurate updates, empowering them to make better decisions about their safety and well-being.

Increased Transparency: The initiative enhances community awareness by providing immediate access to emergency response activities. This openness builds trust between the community and emergency responders, reinforcing our commitment to public safety and accountability. To ensure officer safety, most law enforcement incidents are not disclosed, but those affecting traffic are shared with the community.

How to Access Information: Residents can access real-time updates by visiting webcad.cumberlandcountypa.gov.

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