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DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM) partners with DuPage County for new 9-1-1 facility.

At a special call meeting on February 15, 2017 the DU-COMM Board of Directors voted unanimously to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and lease with DuPage County and the DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) for a new state-of-the-art communications facility on the west side of the DuPage County campus.

The new facility will be a combination of renovated space on the county campus, and new construction for a total of 33,454 sq. ft. DU-COMM will co-locate with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the DuPage ETSB offices on this site. The new construction will be a hardened 9-1-1 Public Safety Communications Center to address the need for a larger facility for DU-COMM employees and operations.

DU-COMM has operated out of a modest 12,700 square foot facility since 1995. Due to growth and expansion related to consolidation of 9-1-1 centers in DuPage County, DU-COMM grew from twenty-seven (27) member agencies to forty-five (45) agencies in the last eight (8) years.

The new facility will cost \$15,870,593. As part of the IGA, the ETSB will contribute \$4,000,000 to the project and DU-COMM will provide \$4,300,000 of cash reserves. The cash contributions represent more than 50% of the project cost. DuPage County will finance the remaining \$7,500,000 that DU-COMM will repay during the 25-year lease agreement with County.

The project is estimated to be complete by the fall of 2018. At that time, DU-COMM will move operations to the new facility. The relocation will represent a "coming home" of sorts. In 1975, DU-COMM began operations on the County campus before moving to its current location in 1995.

About DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM)

DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM) is an intergovernmental agency as defined in the Illinois statues (5 ILCS 220/1) formed in 1975 by our member departments to provide emergency communications services to police, fire, and emergency medical services. DU-COMM is the largest consolidated public safety communications center in Illinois and currently serves forty-five (45) member agencies and over 800,000 residents in DuPage and neighboring counties. DU-COMM receives requests for police, fire, and EMS via 45 incoming 9-1-1 lines. DU-COMM processes over 1.1 million phone calls each year, including over 300,000 9-1-1 calls, and over 660,000 calls for service. Under DU-COMM, member municipalities and fire districts work together to ensure a high level of service to their citizens in public safety communications.

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