

Patty Haggerty, Otisfield First Responder discussed the Enhanced 911 service. This provides a dispatcher with your phone number, address/house number, and the name of the person the phone is registered to. This project was “designed to assist EMS personnel to locate a house number or area quickly in an emergency situation in an effort to reduce the response times of the emergency vehicles.” EMS personnel, are faced on a daily basis with the challenge of responding to areas with no visible house number and/or street name, this causes a delay and results in ambulances having to drive around to locate a house number. Their duty is to save lives and for them, every second counts, so the sooner they can get to a patient the better their chances of survival,” It's imperative that you keep house numbers visible from the street so Fire, EMS and Police personnel can find your residence quickly and easily. The numbers should be a minimum of 4”. Due to this enhanced 911 service, response time to emergencies is being reduced. Patty is asking that you check your house numbers and if you or your neighbors do not have them adequately posted, please do so, as it could help you in the unlikely event of an emergency.

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