



## Friends of 9-1-1 Committee

The Gratiot County 9-1-1 is currently asking voters for 0.60 mill for 6 years to maintain and upgrade aging equipment and infrastructure that is used for emergency responses. This information is provided to give the residents of Gratiot County answers as to why this is needed.

### 1. How is Gratiot County 9-1-1 funded?

Gratiot County is currently funded by a \$3.00 surcharge that is placed on resident's phone bill. The surcharge is described as "all devices" (landline, cellular, VoIP) by the legislation in place. This is the largest amount of the funding that Central Dispatch gets to run all its operations. Currently there is no funding from any of the municipalities in Gratiot County budgets to assist with the operations. With the decrease in landlines over the years the surcharge has also dwindled each year causing Gratiot Central to use its reserve funds to maintain services. While the State of Michigan dispenses some funds to Gratiot County 9-1-1 it is not enough to maintain and improve the infrastructure and technology needed.