



# Gratiot County 9-1-1 Millage

**ON THE BALLOT: AUGUST 6TH, 2024**

## What is the Gratiot County 9-1-1 Millage?

The ballot question seeks funding of 0.60 mill for the next 6 years for the purpose of funding the essential 9-1-1 emergency services in Gratiot County, to ensure continued operation and enhancement of 9-1-1

## What will this 9-1-1 millage support?

### Agencies We Serve

Alma Public Safety  
Alma District Fire  
Alma District Rescue  
Alma DPW  
Ashley Fire Dept.  
Breckenridge Police  
Breckenridge/Wheeler  
Fire Dept.  
Gratiot County Animal  
Control  
Gratiot County  
Emergency Management  
Gratiot County Sheriff  
Gratiot County Road  
Commission  
Ithaca Fire Dept.  
Ithaca DPW  
Michigan State Police  
Michigan DNR  
Perrinton Fire Dept.  
St Louis Police Dept.  
St Louis Fire Dept.  
St Louis Water & Electric

- **PROCESSING of EMERGENCY CALLS:**
  - The current phone answering system is in need of upgrades to allow for the advancement of NextGen911 such as Text and Video calling services, and location verification support.
- **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:**
  - Currently Gratiot County has 2 radio towers. Areas such as Alma, St Louis, Riverdale, and Sumner have poor reception for Public Safety Responders and this new tower will improve that to 90%+ for them.
- **TRAINING FOR DISPATCHERS THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS STATE STANDARDS:**
  - The ever changing technology requires more and more training for our Emergency Communications Officers on top of the required training they currently take each year.
- **EMERGENCY ALERTS AND SMART911 TO HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE:**
  - Gratiot County has a total of 2,745 RAVE Alert subscribers. This system allows the citizens to be informed of impending storms or large incidents in the county of Gratiot. To subscribe, text **GC911** to **67283**.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY:**
  - The current Computer Aided Dispatch system needs replacement to allow for functionality in dispatching calls and keeping the communities safe.
  - The computer servers are out of date and more storage is needed for the information gathered and programs needed to run the 9-1-1 Center.
  - Maintenance contracts have increased and are required for all the technology used in the 9-1-1 center.
- **FACILITY:**
  - The building systems are approaching 20 years of age and need constant upkeep and replacement in the near future. The dispatch workstations are non-functional and need upgrading.

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