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County Emergency Addressing System

Crow Wing County is requesting assistance to ensure our E911 system continues to work effectively by allowing emergency responders to quickly locate those in need of emergency assistance. Installed on over 25,000 parcels, the blue E911 address sign system relies upon the property owners to maintain the signs once installed. You can assist in keeping the system effective by keeping the sign visible at all times and removing vegetation, debris, snow and other intrusions. If the sign is damaged or removed, please contact the Land Services Department at (218) 824-1125 to assist in getting a new sign installed. Under the County sign ordinance, E911 address signs or road signs cannot be altered, defaced, removed or moved. Failure to comply can result in enforcement action through the County Sheriff's Office.

Crow Wing County government serves more than 60,000 full time residents in an area covering nearly 1,000 square miles. There are over 75,000 parcels with over 25,000 E-911 address signs. "Crow Wing County considers the safety of its residents and our guests a top priority" stated Chris Pence, Land Services Supervisor. "Proper maintenance of E911 signs is vital to ensuring emergency vehicles are able to locate folks quickly and efficiently."

Crow Wing County moved to the enhanced E911 address system between 1998 and 2001. During that period of time, streets were given unique names and a county grid was established for assigning E911 address numbers. Currently, new address assignments average 200 per year as requested through permits involving new construction or placement of permanent structures on parcels.

While the physical E911 address and sign is an important feature of the process, the system also selectively routes public safety calls through a specialized data base and Geographic Information System (GIS) map. The routing of this information allows emergency response teams such as law enforcement, fire, ambulance and other emergency providers the ability to save valuable time to find you when that can mean life or death.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Office at (218) 824-1125 or environmental.services@crowwing.us to discuss land use questions before starting building projects, applying for an address or with questions regarding the placement or maintenance of your E911 sign. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at <http://www.crowwing.us>.

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