

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: August 13, 2024

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

From: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

Topic: A Resolution Suspending the Operations and Dissolving the E-COM Emergency Telephone System Board

PURPOSE

Homewood is a member of E-COM. E-COM is a nine (9) community, intergovernmental agency that provides 911-emergency and non-emergency police and fire dispatching services for nine communities. Similarly, SOUTHCOM is a four (4) member community that provides the same emergency call and dispatch services. Since January 2023, the E-COM and SOUTHCOM Boards of Directors have consistently met to finalize the joining of the two dispatching agencies. The combined 911 Board is ready to begin the process of merging E-COM and SouthCOM into a centralized dispatch and communication system known as E-COM/SOUTHCOM JOINT EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD. In order to perfect the establishment of the Joint Emergency Telephone System Board, the Illinois Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator requires all member communities to suspend the operation and participation in its local Joint Emergency Telephone System Board; thus dissolving the two individual agencies to accommodate the formal establishment of the new joint board.

PROCESS

The Petition for Consolidation of E-COM and SouthCOM is under review by the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator. On Friday, July 19th, the Administrator informed the Executive Directors of both ECOM and SouthCOM that the Petition requires evidence that the individual members of E-COM and SouthCOM have taken the necessary steps to dissolve their respective current Emergency Telephone System Boards. To address the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator's requirement, each municipal entity that is a member of E-COM and SouthCOM will have to adopt a Resolution formally dissolving E-COM or SouthCOM respectively.

Each municipality must pass the attached resolution which effectively terminates their respective membership in either the E-COM or SouthCOM Joint Emergency Telephone System Board and receive approval of the Illinois Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator as evidenced by an order of the Illinois Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator to once again operate as a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board and receive surcharge funds collected pursuant to its approved 9-1-1 surcharge referendum.

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Member List of E-COM/SOUTHCOM JOINT EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

E-COM Communities	Population*	South-COM Communities	Population*
Village of South Holland	21,465	Village of Park Forest	21,632
Village of Homewood	19,463	Village of Matteson	19,073
City of Country Club Hills	16,775	Village of Richton Park	12,775
Village of Hazel Crest	13,382	Village of Olympia Fields	4,718
Village of Riverdale	10,663		
Village of Flossmoor	9,704		
Village of Glenwood	8,662		
Village of Thornton	2,386		
Village of East Hazel Crest	1,297		
	103,797		58,198

OUTCOME

Once all municipal resolutions are passed by the respective municipal boards, the resolutions will be forwarded to the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator for further processing and evaluation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

Completed

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass a resolution of the Village of Homewood Suspending the Operations and Dissolving the E-COM Emergency Telephone System Board.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Resolution