

2002-0488

INTRODUCED BY: LANCE MARINO, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT VI
RESOLUTION NO. 5069

A resolution requesting that the 911 Communications District investigate the possibility of instituting a local emergency cell phone program for the elderly in St. Charles Parish.

- WHEREAS, the U.S. Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulations requires that 911 emergency calls be connected at no charge from all wireless phones whether the phone has been activated for paid service or not; and
- WHEREAS, many residents of St. Charles Parish have obsolete or unused cell phones because of a change in wireless service or an upgrade in equipment; and
- WHEREAS, the National Sheriff's Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police established a program to facilitate the distribution of donated cell phones to older people for emergency calls; and
- WHEREAS, such a program would be a boost for local elderly residents who need a reliable and portable communication device to summons help in case of a medical or other emergency; and
- WHEREAS, Representative Gary L. Smith, Jr. has introduced the program to St. Charles Parish by organizing a meeting of interested parties to begin discussion.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL do hereby request that the 911 Communications District investigate the possibility of instituting a local emergency cell phone program for the elderly in St. Charles Parish in conjunction with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office and St. Charles Parish Council on Aging.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Charles Parish Council on Aging is hereby requested to administer said program on behalf of the Parish and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the 911 Communication District, Ms. Margaret Powe, Executive Director of the St. Charles Council on Aging, and Sheriff Greg Champagne.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FAUCHEUX, HILAIRE, FABRE, ABADIE, AUTHEMENT, BLACK,
MARINO, MINNICH
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: RAMCHANDRAN

And the resolution was declared adopted this 16th day of December, 2002, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

911 Emergency Cell Phone rev

CHAIRMAN: *Royce Fauchaux*

SECRETARY: *Barbara J. Jacob*

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: *December 17, 2002*

APPROVED: *[Signature]* DISAPPROVED.

PARISH PRESIDENT: *Albert O. Legu*

RETD/SECRETARY: *December 18, 2002*

AT: 10:40 AM RECD BY: *[Signature]*