

SPOKANE REGIONAL ADDRESSING STANDARDS

What is the current issue?

- Addressing authorities throughout Spokane County use a variety of methodologies to assign street names and addresses.
- Absent a countywide addressing standard, conflicts within our addressing system will continue to impede the ability of public safety agencies to provide timely and effective emergency response.

What is our goal?

- Development of a common countywide standard used by all addressing authorities within Spokane County to reduce addressing conflicts and enhance public safety agencies' abilities to provide emergency response.
- This standard should support Federal, State, and Local standards:
 - U.S. Postal Service
 - National Emergency Number Association (NENA)

Why is this necessary?

- There is no regional addressing standard, which results in conflicting and inconsistent addressing.
- Addressing & street naming processes are currently unique to each jurisdiction.
- Public Safety Dispatch Centers are highly reliant on computerized mapping (GIS).
- In order for Public Safety Dispatch Centers to function effectively and efficiently, standardized addressing is critical for the responders to actually find the address.
- Inconsistent addressing can cause issues for first responders in the field- with or without modern CAD systems.

What are the benefits?

- Consistent countywide addressing standard & processes.
- Provides predictability for all developers regardless of the jurisdiction they are working within.
- Includes an addressing appeal process for problematic addressing.
- **Results in improved public safety response for our community and citizens.**

Want to learn more?

Visit <http://bit.ly/AddressIssues> for an interactive view of addressing issues

What do you need to do?

- Become familiar with the Addressing Standard.
- Schedule an Addressing Standard presentation for your organization (optional).
- Adopt the Addressing Standard ordinance.

Moving Forward

Get in touch!
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- Board of County Commissioner approval/adoption
- **Goal: Unincorporated County Adoption - 2016**
- Continued solicitation of regional partners
- Future Presentations to local government elected officials
- Receive/review comments from all stakeholders:
 - Homebuilders, Commissioners, City Councils
- **Goal: Countywide Adoption - March 2017**

Project History

Replacement of Fire Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) with a map-centric system

New Fire & Law Enforcement CADs require consistent Communitywide Addressing

2012
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2013

Regional RFP for Law Enforcement CAD/RMS

New World Systems Awarded Contract

New GIS-based CAD systems allow for:
Faster & Higher Accuracy Dispatching
Automatic Vehicle Routing
Real time Law Enforcement & Fire Asset Management

2014

Initial Meetings w/ Addressing Authorities (May - July) by 911 and GIS staff

Drafting of Initial Addressing Standard (September)

Joint Addressing Authorities Committee Meetings (September 17th & October 13th)

Included addressing staff representatives from the following County & Municipal entities:

City of Airway Heights, City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley, City of Cheney,
City of Deer Park, City of Liberty Lake, & Spokane County.

2015

Completion of Recommended Communitywide Addressing Standard (December)

Presentation to Spokane Home Builders Association (January 12th)

Presentation to Spokane County Board of Commissioners (January 26th)

2016

Future Presentations to local government elected officials (Completion: September 2016)

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2017

Countywide System in place March 2017

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