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.

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
- Board of County Commissioner approval/adoptions
- 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

Get in touch!
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Want to learn more? Visit http://bit.ly/AddressIssues for an interactive view of addressing issues

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Project History

2012 & 2013
Replacement of Fire Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) with a map-centric system
New Fire & Law Enforcement CADs require consistent Communitywide Addressing

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

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

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.
Completion of Recommended Communitywide Addressing Standard (December)

2015
Presentation to Spokane Home Builders Association (January 12th)
Presentation to Spokane County Board of Commissioners (January 26th)

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Future Presentations to local government elected officials (Completion: September 2016)
Countywide System in place March 2017

2016 & 2017