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PARMA READY FOR NEXT PHASE OF REGIONAL DISPATCH STUDY

(PARMA) – The City of Parma and Cleveland State University will join forces to study the implementation of a regional dispatch center. The CSU/Levin Center for Public Management had previously performed a feasibility study on the same subject that produced positive results.

“We are now seeking the reality of what it will cost in dollars and cents and human resources,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “This next step must be taken before we move ahead in creating a regional dispatch center that will benefit this entire area.”

The initial study by the Center for Public Management of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University shows adopting a consolidated regional emergency dispatch system would result in a collective savings of more than \$1.6 million for area cities.

The City of Parma is taking the lead role in spearheading the study by the CSU Center for Public Management, funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Development. This phase of the study will also be funded by the state. There is no cost to participating communities: Broadview Heights, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, North Royalton, Parma, Parma Heights, Seven Hills and Valley View.

“This is an important exercise being conducted by the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University,” said Parma Heights Mayor Michael Byrne. “I look forward to discussing options regarding Regional Dispatch Operations with the other mayors.”

“This phase of the consolidated dispatch project is not just about dollars and cents,” said Daila Shimek, CSU Project Manager. “It will continue to discuss quality of service, governing structure and other issues.”

“Additionally, it is unprecedented for these communities to join together in such a serious endeavor to consolidate services,” said Mayor DePiero. “Never before has a group of this size partnered in such a way within Cuyahoga County.”

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