



Special News Release

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For Immediate Release

The Hastings Police Department is proud to announce that the Adams County 911 Center is now able to receive and map the origination of cellular telephone calls. Effective December 17, 2007 the Adams County 911 Center began receiving and mapping wireless cell phone calls from several different wireless carriers serving our area. The center will be able to accept and map calls from the other carriers in our area in the months ahead as testing of cell towers and equipment continues.

The Adams County 911 Center moved to its present location at the Hastings Police Department in May of 2007. As part of this move, new telephone and mapping equipment was purchased to allow the center to become Phase II compliant.

By being Phase II compliant, the Adams County 911 Center is able to map to within 50 meters the actual location of the wireless cell phone caller 67 percent of the time, and map the actual location of the wireless cell phone caller to within 150 meters 95 percent of the time.

On Wednesday December 26 in the early morning hours a vehicle slid off the road near Juniata. The driver called 911 from their cell phone and gave the location they thought they were at, however by mapping the location of the call the dispatcher determined the vehicle was 3 miles away from where the driver thought they were. Emergency responders were able to locate the driver very quickly as a result of the dispatchers' ability to map the origination of the cellular phone call.

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