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## Webster County Residents to Vote on 911 Surcharge

On November 7<sup>th</sup> Webster County residents will get to decide on an increase for the Webster County 911 surcharge. The yes or no question will ask if residents want to increase the surcharge to \$.75 per month.

Currently set at \$.50 your surcharge is billed through Webster-Calhoun, your local telephone service provider, and is used by the county to update and maintain the communications system for emergency services such as dispatching ambulance, fire, and law enforcement. It has been set at \$.50 since the early 1990's.

According to Gowrie Police Chief, Bruce McCormack, "The revenue from the land line telephone surcharge is decreasing due to the increase in cell phone usage. We are starting to see some money from the cell phone providers but not a lot. It is getting better."

Land line telephones are the most reliable for 911 service. If someone has an emergency and dials 911, the call center knows immediately at what location they are at. In Webster County, phase 2 which includes mapping for cell phone location is near completion. When complete, the call center will know latitude and longitude locations to get within 2-300 feet of where the cell phone is. Internet based telephone service is still very new in this area. Be sure to ask the provider how the 911 service works!

**Charges as voted on by county residents are collected through your Webster-Calhoun telephone bill.**

## Current 911 Surcharge:

Boone County	\$.85
Calhoun County	\$1.00
Greene County	\$1.00
Humboldt County	\$.75
Webster County	\$.50

## Surcharge By Iowa County:

Surcharge at \$1.00	79
Surcharge More than \$1.00	1
Surcharge Less than \$1.00	18
No Surcharge	1



## Happy Thanksgiving!

Remember WCCTA's office  
will be closed on  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.



Many WCCTA employees and their families represented the Prairie Valley Chapter of Dollars for Scholars at the Governor's Cup Race and Walk in October. Lauri Streit, Vicki Anderson and Mistie Hansch collected funds from co-workers that were matched by Webster-Calhoun.



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