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Some City Telephone Numbers are Changing

Beginning October 21st, all City telephone numbers that begin with 301-575-xxxx will be changing to 240-544-xxxx. This change affects all of the Police Department numbers and some numbers in every other City department. Most City telephone lines begin with 301-809-and then are followed by a four digit extension. They are not affected by this change. Only numbers that begin with 301-575 will change.

The telephone number change is needed to improve the information that is relayed to 911 when an emergency call is made from a City line beginning with 301-575-xxxx. Recently City Information Technology officials learned that 911 calls from City lines beginning with 301-575-xxxx may not display complete and accurate call information at the Prince George's County 911 Center. To correct the issue, which could be a potentially serious public safety problem, they must take action now.

City Manager David Deutsch said, "The decision to make this change was not made lightly. We realize that changing telephone numbers can be confusing and disruptive to the public, especially when it comes to contact information for the Police Department, but we feel that for public safety reasons, we had to make this change."

During the transition period between October 21and December 9, callers will be able to use either the old or new numbers to reach City staff. After December 9th, the new numbers should be used exclusively. The only exception to the transition period will be the main number for the administrative offices of the Bowie Police Department (301-575-2480). Both the old and new numbers will work for approximately six months to give residents more time to begin using the new number (240-544-5700) for the administrative offices of the Police Department.

In total, over 150 phone numbers are being changed, but many of them are not numbers that are used by the public, such as lines in conference rooms, locker rooms, and storage rooms. Attached is a list of new numbers used by the public.

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CITY OF BOWIE TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES (effective 10/21/2015)

Bowie Police Department

Name	Title / Division	Old telephone number	New telephone number
Administrative Offices		301-575-2480	240-544-5700
Anonymous Tip Line		301-575-2008	240-544-5770
Criminal Investigation Division		301-575-1852	240-544-5740
Police Department Fax		301-575-2479	240-544-5794
John Nesky	Police Chief	301-575-2482	240-544-5701
Dwayne Preston	Deputy Police Chief	301-575-2481	240-544-5702
Ellen Boswell	Assistant to the Police Chief	301-575-2015	240-544-5777
Richard Wohkittel	Captain	301-575-2019	240-544-5781
John Knott	Lieutenant	301-575-2477	240-544-5793
Joseph Rose	Lieutenant	301-575-1813	240-544-5706
Ernest Stanley	Lieutenant	301-575-1818	240-544-5711
Bennie Henderson	Seargent, Community Services	301-575-1824	240-544-5717
Renee Hance	Personnel Specialist	301-575-2474	240-544-5791

Community Services Department

Steve Roberts	Code Compliance Supervisor	301-575-5600	240-544-5600
Skip Gormley	Code Compliance Officer	301-575-5605	240-544-5605
Freddie Glass	Code Compliance Officer	301-575-5606	240-544-5606
Tiara Andrews	Code Compliance Officer	301-575-5607	240-544-5607
Annette Esterheld	Community Outreach Specialist	301-575-5601	240-544-5601
Ruth Murphy	Welcome Center	301-575-2488	240-544-5677
Mansion Rentals		301-575-2488	240-544-5677
Rhonda Simon	Bowie Youth & Family Services	301-575-3200	240-544-5873

Public Works Department

Missy Marlette	Streets & Utilities Division	301-575-2472	240-544-5686
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Human Resources

Main number		301-575-5613	240-544-5613
Tracey Whiteleather	Senior Human Resources Generalist	301-575-2485	240-544-5627