

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Putnam County Town Supervisors & Village Mayors (Addressee List Attached)

Re: Residential Visible and Accurate Address Numbering

Dear Honorable Supervisors & Mayors:

At the February 22, 2018 Putnam County Legislature Protective Services Committee Meeting, members of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (ESSAB) addressed the committee regarding a challenge the Putnam County First Responders are facing as they respond to emergency calls. As Chairman of the Protective Services Committee, I along with my committee members and colleagues agreed to help the ESSAB bring awareness to this important matter.

As the bucolic topography of Putnam County adds to the character of the place we are all fortunate enough to call home; it is also a challenging component in the chain of events that occur once a 911 call is placed. All of us in Putnam County are very fortunate to have a team of volunteer first responders who navigate very well throughout Putnam County. In addition to that challenge, there is an obstacle in the fluidity of the chain of events that occur once a call for help is received, that can be rectified by the homeowner. That is inconsistent and lack of visible and accurate house numbers. The ESSAB is requesting that the residents be made aware and encouraged to make sure that they have the accurate house number on their mailbox as well as on their home. This is a critical component in the chain of events that take place when responding to a call for help. In an emergency situation every second counts, a delay in trying to locate an address can have a very adverse effect on the outcome to a call for help.

With all that said, I am writing to request that you agree to start and/or end each of your board meetings with a public service announcement. A statement that will inform and encourage the residents of the importance and need for them to make sure that they have visible and accurate address numbers on both their mailbox and home. Please be advised that the ESSAB is taking action as well to spread the word and create public awareness to this very important matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Regards,

Paul E. Jonke
Chairman of Protective Services Committee
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Acting Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services
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