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Next Step To Improve 911 Begins This Week In Guymon

The mapping of Guymon and Texas County by Spatial Data Research Company (SDR) out of St Louis Missouri is slated to begin this week by creating a GPS map as the first phase of the enhancement of the 911 system. Dan Disharoon of SDR arrived over the weekend to settle in to the area and met with Guymon and Texas County officials this morning (12/21/2009) to discuss what will be going on in the area.

"SDR will be driving through the area very slow with a GPS and mapping several things that will be incorporated into a map that will be available any time a person calls 911 according to Guymon Chief of Police Eddie Adamson. Among the things that SDR intends to include in the map of Guymon and Texas County for the 911 system includes the actual physical address, type of structure, landmarks, fire hydrants, street signs, railroads, and bridges.

SDR reports that their employee will be driving a vehicle clearly marked with Spatial Data Research on the sides with Colorado tags belonging to their employee while he is doing the actual mapping for the project.

It is estimated that it will take 2-3 weeks to complete the map of Guymon and then the mapping of Texas County will begin which is expected to take an additional 6 weeks.

This upgrade to 911 is being paid for in part through the wireless surcharge approved by voters last year that collects funds each month from wireless phones. Once the project is completed emergency services staff will see on a map where a phone call to 911 originates.

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