



**SOMERSET COUNTY 9-1-1
POLICE – FIRE – EMS**

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TO: All Somerset County Fire Departments and EMS Organizations
FROM: David L. Fox, Somerset County 911 Coordinator
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RE: Text Paging

Somerset County 911 has decided to provide Text Paging for the Somerset County Fire Departments and EMS Organizations as a secondary source of notification through the Somerset County IT Department. A Primary Officer from each Department or Organization, who has computer experience, should contact Dave Fox and make arrangements to talk to and receive one-on-one training from the Somerset County IT Department. One person from each Department will be trained and be responsible for entering, updating and maintaining the cell phone numbers for their individual department or organization. Text paging is not as reliable as our current system for notification during an incident, so text paging will be done as a courtesy only. Somerset County 911 will not be held responsible for those who do not receive or receive a delayed text page. You will need to maintain you current radio pagers for reliable notification.

We are not sure if a cost will be assessed at a later date, but as of the present time, the text paging will be done at no cost to the participating department or organization.

We would like to repeat, when text paging becomes a feature of the Somerset County 911 notification process, it will be as a courtesy only. You will need to maintain your current radio pagers.

The primary paging will still be done through radio pagers.

If you have any additional questions or need to arrange for training, please contact me at 814-445-1515 or email me at dfox@co.somerset.pa.us.

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