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REJIS Launches New Public Safety Tool to Send Real-Time 911 Information to Schools, Businesses, and Law Enforcement in the St. Louis Region

You have an emergency plan. When do you activate it? St. Louis technology company SirenGPS answers that question

ST. LOUIS – Missouri's Regional Justice Information Systems (REJIS) is delivering a new public safety intelligence service in the St. Louis region called **911 Real-Time Analytics** (911 RTA). Developed by St. Louis based SirenGPS, 911 RTA integrates with local 911 to activate emergency plans and protocols for schools, businesses, hospitals, and places of worship – allowing them to respond more quickly in an emergency. When a threat is identified on or near a subscriber's property, 911 RTA sends incident descriptions assigned by 911 dispatch to the cell phones and desktops of security, emergency managers, and administrators responsible for the safety of the subscriber's location.

As 911 dispatchers take calls and notify first responders, 911 RTA analyzes 911 call data to send real-time threat notifications based on incident type and location to REJIS' pre-approved list of subscribers. Through careful study of emergency communications during active shooter attacks, 911 RTA was developed to assist administrators and security specialists to respond more effectively in an emergency. Making real-time information available to the people charged with keeping students and staff safe – the "first," first responders – 911 RTA gives them the heads-up needed to safeguard against everything from medical emergencies to an active shooter.

911 RTA Public School Program

REJIS and SirenGPS are making 911 RTA available without charge to K-12 public schools in the St. Louis region through the 911 RTA Public School Program.

School districts currently participating in the launch of the program include:

- Jennings School District
- Lindbergh School District
- Maplewood Richmond Heights School District
- Mehlville School District
- Parkway School District

911 RTA requires integration with local public safety agencies and is available to those agencies free of charge. Once 911 RTA is integrated with an agency that answers 911 calls, the schools, business, and other entities served by those agencies can subscribe to the service. 911 RTA is





currently available in more than 30 municipalities in St. Louis County including Ballwin, Brentwood, Chesterfield, Clayton, Ellisville, Jennings, Maplewood, Mehlville, Olivette, Richmond Heights, Webster Groves, and more.

"The best emergency plans only make a school safer if someone at the school knows what to do and *when to do it,*" said **Paul Rauner, SirenGPS CEO**. "That's why it's critical that responsible parties already on-site be made aware of an incident or attack in real time."

"Notifications from 911 RTA accelerate awareness and allow us to respond to situations more quickly," said **Mike Wieland, Acting Director of Buildings and Grounds, MRH School District.** "Incident descriptions sent directly from 911 give us what we need to immediately understand what is happening. That head start makes us more efficient and helps safeguard our students, faculty, staff and property.

"Managing parent pickup, kids boarding buses, kids walking and riding their bikes home... school dismissal can be challenging even on a normal day. When one of our school buses was involved in a minor accident with a passenger vehicle on school premises, we received a 911 RTA notification about the accident immediately. We were instantly aware of what we needed to do. It was great to learn quickly that no one was injured. We intervened more quickly, aided those involved and managed minimal delay in student dismissal.

"Through COVID-19, 911 RTA has helped us to stay informed about all of our properties even when we could not be on-site. A recent notification helped us quickly become aware of unauthorized building access, helping to resolve the incident quickly and safely."

911 RTA gives security teams an extra set of eyes and ears across an entire campus, providing peace of mind knowing that the team can more quickly react to help its people. That can be as simple as making sure the elevator is ready and available on the first floor or that an access gate is open and ready to receive first responders.

911 RTA's ability to identify potential threats within a virtual perimeter to know what is happening around a specified location is what REJIS calls 'important technology to provide community stakeholders.'

"Community awareness and engagement is one of the best ways to enhance public safety in the St. Louis region," said **Dr. Dan Isom, Executive Director, REJIS, and former Police Chief, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department**. "911 RTA makes it possible to directly provide schools and businesses information about threats that might be within their immediate community, helping them to both more quickly react to protect themselves and to be a better partner to police.

"There are more than 5,000 private, licensed security officers in the St. Louis region – many of them current and former first responders – working within large public safety divisions. Sharing





information with those private security professionals in an emergency creates a force multiplier that will improve safety and security not only for those businesses, but also for the police officers, fire fighters, and EMS they work alongside, and for the entire community."

As more public safety agencies adopt 911 RTA, the service will become available without charge to the public school districts in the communities those agencies serve.

About REJIS

For more than 40 years, the REJIS Commission has been dedicated to providing innovative, secure information technology (IT) solutions for organizations where security is paramount. Whether integrating criminal justice jurisdictions or storing and managing data for the public sector, REJIS' clients work with confidence knowing their data is secured by the region's top experts in law enforcement, criminal justice, and technology. In the field and in the office, REJIS delivers fast, secure access, storage, and management of the critical data our client partners need to function safely and efficiently. Where and when data matters most, REJIS is there.

About SirenGPS

SirenGPS, Inc. is an emergency management software company based in St. Louis, Missouri. The Company is dedicated to the development of situational awareness communication products that promote resiliency for community stakeholders through more efficient crisis response and emergency management tools. 911 RTA is patented technology developed locally through rigorous research, development and testing in live 911 operations.