

# Emergency Responders Civic Address Registry Fact Sheet



**Civic Address Registry Program** is improving location identification for 911 operators, dispatch services and emergency responders.

## What is the Civic Address Registry?

The Civic Address Registry (CAR) program is a province-wide standardized systems for identifying and locating properties.

Using the programs civic addressing in addition to traditional methods such as landmarks or legal land descriptions helps to pinpoint emergencies with geographic coordinates.

Communities such as municipalities, First Nations reserves and parks are responsible and manage civic addresses within their respective jurisdictions.

CAR enables these communities to verify and manage their civic addresses using an online mapping tool. These addresses are then integrated into the 911 call-taking system.

## Why is addressing CAR helpful to emergency responders?

The use of civic addresses within CAR, especially in rural communities, can assist in locating the right property driveway, especially when multiple properties share the same legal land description. This saves precious seconds.

*Where every second counts, civic addressing is vital for 911 call-taking, dispatch, and response.*

## How can emergency responders access CAR?

Civic addresses and their locations can be obtained by reaching out to communities who are participating in or completed the Civic Address Registry program. This information can be a spreadsheet with a list of addresses and their associated geographic coordinates or a series of printed hard copy maps. Communities can also submit their addresses to Google Maps, which is readily accessible by many navigational applications. Emergency responders can help strengthen response using address locations by encouraging communities to join the Civic Address Registry program today.

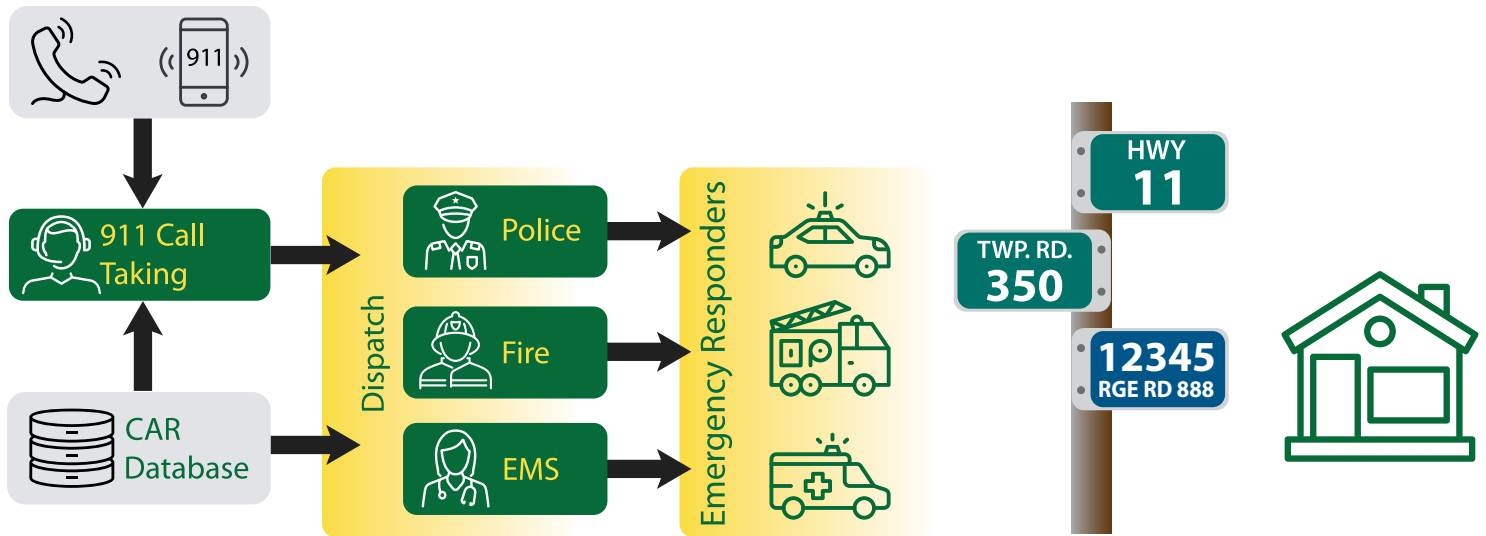
## How is CAR used during a 911 call?

The CAR database can provide a civic address location to the 911 call-taker who can then provide those details to the appropriate dispatch centre.

The responding dispatched agency can reference a hard copy map that identifies the location of the emergency. The agency can also enter the civic address location into a navigational system to determine the best route.

Once enroute, CAR road signage assists emergency responders to navigate to the location. The civic address signage can also be used to verify a location when responders arrive.

# Emergency Responders Civic Address Registry Fact Sheet



## How can emergency responders start using CAR?

Ask the communities that they service if they are participating in CAR and request a digital copy of their CAR address and location information.

When a CAR community sends the civic address information, upload it into the most suitable mobile option that is easily accessible for your department. This can include in-vehicle or hand-held GPS devices, emergency response software, or web-based platforms such as Google Maps.

### Key messages on addressing rural properties

- Civic number increments are based on a 40m lot interval
- Even civic numbers are located on the west and south side of the road.
- Odd civic numbers are located on the east and north side of the road.
- Typically, civic numbers increase when traveling north or west along the road
- If multiple properties can be accessed through a single-entry point, a unit number may be added to specify the address.

For more details, refer to the [Rural Civic Addressing information sheet](#).

## Mobile for Public Safety and Mobile Responder

Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) clients dispatched through the Provincial Emergency Communications Centre (PECC), have the option to use Mobile for Public Safety (MPS) and Mobile Responder (MR). These tools are extensions of the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. This system provides emergency responders with the ability to send and receive critical communications, view incident details, access to CAD and information in real-time including GPS and location verification.

### 1. Mobile Responder (MR)

- **Runs on:** Android or Apple devices (phones or tablets)
- **Uses:** Google Maps

### 2. Mobile for Public Safety (MPS)

- **Runs on:** Windows devices (tablet, laptop, or Toughbook)
- **Uses:** Custom map with Civic Address Registry and other data layers

Reach out to your dispatch agency for additional information.