

Constable's Corner

911 – Street naming and addressing ordinance

By town of Warren Constables

In 1995, Warren adopted the state's 911 addressing law before Vermont upgraded to Enhanced 911: 24 VSA Chapter 59, SS1971 and 24 VSA Chapter 61 Section 2291 (16).

The Enhanced 911 system displays the name and address of the caller when a call is made to a 911 center. This was done for the obvious reasons—quicker responses to an incident. Statistically for fire, EMS and police, the quicker the response time, the less serious an incident becomes; less than 10 minutes is the goal.

Section 4 of Street Naming and Street Addressing Ordinance (summarized):

The owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building to which a number was assigned was, or will be notified in the case of new construction, of their 911 address.

Within 60 days of receipt of the notification the numbers must be posted in a conspicuous place that can be seen from the road in all conditions from both directions. Hence, any house or building that has been built, or a building permit that has been issued for 60

days, needs to have a 911 addressed posted as specified in the ordinance.

The numbers will be not less than 2 inches in height with clearly contrasting colors to the background. Reflective numbers are best seen at night, rain or snow and, therefore, are recommended.

If a 2-inch number cannot be easily read, night or day, summer or winter, on a building then the 911 address needs to be posted on the road: on a mailbox or sign post or a tree. A single address sign on a post or tree in line with the road, above snow levels and below

leaf level would be okay.

If you don't know your number, contact the Warren zoning administrator, or town clerk in the zoning administrator's absence, 496-2709.

PENALTY

After 60 days of notification of your 911 address you can or will be assessed \$10 per day until the 911 address is installed appropriately. Note: Old numbers must be removed so as not to confuse first responders.

Please note: This is not an invasion of your space. If you don't want first responders to

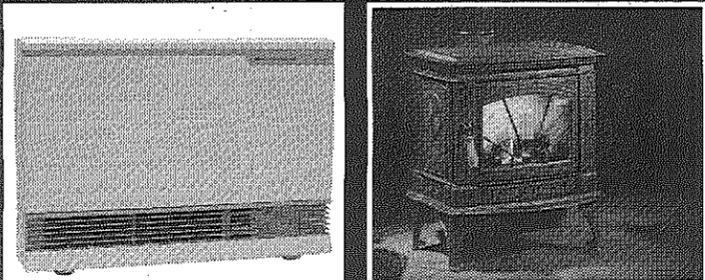
find your property in the event of an emergency, fine, that's your business. However, by not having your 911 address clearly posted, it will hamper and delay the response to a neighbor who needs and wants help. It is just neighborly to post your sign.

We will check back to see if you have posted your 911 address. Contact the Warren constables, warrenconstables@gmavt.net, or leave word with the town clerk if you don't have access to email.

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POLICE REPORT

Cited for DLS
On November 3, 2011, at approximately 9:05 a.m., Vermont State Police arrested Jeffrey Perry (42) of Waterbury, VT, for driving with a criminally suspended license subsequent to a DW2 conviction. Perry was released on citation to appear in Chittenden County Superior Court on December 13, 2011.

Simple assault
On November 5, 2011, at approximately 10 p.m., Vermont State Police from the Middlesex barracks responded to a reported assault at 1471 US Route 2 in Waterbury, Vermont. Through investigation it was determined that Earl Baumgardner, age 55, of Waterbury, and Christina M. Pike, 45, of Waterbury, were involved in a verbal

argument that turned physical when Pike struck Baumgardner in the face. Pike was subsequently arrested and charged for simple assault and is scheduled to appear at the Washington County Superior Court Criminal Division on November 24, 2011.

Unlawful mischief
On November 7, 2011, Earl Ellingwood of Middlesex reported to the Vermont State Police that someone entered the Middlesex Cemetery in Middlesex, VT, sometime between October 29, 2011, and November 7, 2011, and destroyed knickknacks and trinkets left on headstones at the cemetery by family and friends for the deceased. Ellingwood stated one headstone was moved from the gravesite.

If anyone has any information pertaining to the vandalism, please call the Vermont State Police at the Middlesex barracks, (802) 229-9191 or call Crime Stoppers at (802) 476-9999.

Ambulance Log
October 31 at 11:00 am a medical call in Warren
October 31 at 12:42 pm a medical call in Moretown
November 1 at 6:57 am a trauma call in Waitsfield
November 1 at 10:03 am a medical call in Warren
November 2 at 2:14 pm a medical call in Waitsfield
November 2 at 6:10 pm a medical call in Warren
November 3 at 2:26 pm a medical call in Warren
November 3 at 8:34 pm a medical call in Waitsfield
November 4 at 00:48 am a medical call in Waitsfield
November 6 at 9:04 am a trauma call in Fayston
November 6 at 10:21 am a medical call in Waitsfield

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