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## **TMA's Automated Secure Alarm Protocol Welcomes Two New ECCs**

*ASAP-to-PSAP service streamlines communication and saves lives*

**September 30, 2021, McLean, VA** – The Monitoring Association (TMA) is pleased to announce the addition its 91<sup>st</sup> and 92<sup>nd</sup> municipalities to its expanding Automated Secure Alarm Protocol (ASAP) service network. Launched in 2011 as a public-private partnership, TMA's ASAP service is designed to increase the accuracy and efficiency of calls for service from alarm companies to PSAPs.

### **Beaumont, TX**

The Beaumont TX Police Department 9-1-1 Operations Center became the 91<sup>st</sup> ECC in the United States and the 11<sup>th</sup> ECC in the state of Texas to implement the Automated Secure Alarm Protocol (ASAP). Beaumont went live on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> with Rapid Response Monitoring, Vector Security, Securitas, Security Central, Stanley Security, Guardian Protection, Affiliated Monitoring, AT&T Digital Life, Tyco (Johnson Controls), National Monitoring Center, Protection One, Brink's Home Security, Alert 360 and Vivint. ADT and United Central Control (UCC) will be brought online soon.

### **Chesterfield County, VA**

The Chesterfield County VA Emergency Communications Center is the 92<sup>nd</sup> public-safety communications center in the United States and the 18<sup>th</sup> agency in the state of Virginia to implement the Automated Secure Alarm Protocol (ASAP). Chesterfield County went live on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> with Vector Security, Rapid Response Monitoring, Stanley Security, CPI, AT&T Digital Life, Guardian Protection, Protection One, Securitas, Tyco (Johnson Controls), Affiliated Monitoring, United Central Control, National Monitoring Center, Vivint, Richmond Alarm, Wegmans Security, Brink's Home Security and Security Central. ADT went live with Chesterfield County of on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Tommy Tucker, Chesterfield's Director of Emergency Communications, said they are excited to bring this advancement in service to the community by "increasing our ability to assist in saving lives and protecting property by decreasing the amount of time it takes to respond to and subsequently dispatch in-progress alarm calls," Tucker said.

Learn more about TMA's ASAP service online at [www.tma.us/asap/](http://www.tma.us/asap/).

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**About The Monitoring Association**

The Monitoring Association (TMA), formerly the Central Station Alarm Association (CSAA), is an internationally-recognized non-profit trade association that represents professional monitoring companies, security systems integrators, and providers of products and services to the industry. Incorporated in 1950, TMA represents its members before Congress and regulatory agencies on the local, state and federal levels, and other authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) over the industry. Learn more online at <https://tma.us/about-tma/>.

**About TMA's ASAP Service**

Launched in 2011 as a public-private partnership, TMA's Automated Secure Alarm Protocol (ASAP) service is designed to increase the accuracy and efficiency of calls for service from alarm companies to PSAPs. The ASAP service utilizes ANSI standard protocols developed cooperatively by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and The Monitoring Association (TMA). To date, 88 ECCs use the ASAP service. Learn more online at [www.tma.us/asap/](http://www.tma.us/asap/).