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911 Datamaster is excited to share that 9-1-1 recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. 2018 also marks 911 Datamaster's 25th anniversary, and we're incredibly proud to point out that we've been a part of 9-1-1 development for half of 9-1-1 history.

The History of 9-1-1

The first official 9-1-1 call was made on February 16, 1968 in Haleyville, AL. Although 9-1-1 technology and industry standards have changed significantly since the inaugural 9-1-1 call, the desire to make a difference in peoples' lives remains the same. 9-1-1 has been the gateway between the public and emergency assistance for half a century, and it will continue to be there as a lifeline to help people when they need it most. Here is an interesting timeline of the history of 9-1-1 that outlines the journey 9-1-1 took to reach its current form (some fun facts included in the timeline: AT&T designated 9-1-1 as a universal emergency number on January 12, 1968 and Black Hawk County, Iowa, became the first area to accept text messages to 9-1-1 in August of 2009).

25 Years of 9-1-1 Service

911 Datamaster is honored to have been a part of 9-1-1 history for a quarter of a century. "Nearly all of our early history was going into small counties that already had 9-1-1, but they did not have enhanced 9-1-1 – so the dispatchers got a telephone number but did not get an address. For those communities, we provided their first enhanced 9-1-1," recalls Lyle Krehbiel, a founding partner of 911 Datamaster. "We were also pre-cellular and I well remember the transition of the industry and of our company into the handling of cellular calls. And now we are one of the leaders in the transition to NG9-1-1. I am proud of what we have done and what we are doing today."

About 911 Datamaster

911 Datamaster is an industry-leading software developer, GIS data technology integrator, and GIS services company specializing in both geospatial and traditional 9-1-1 database applications. Leveraging 25 years of experience in mission critical enhanced 911 database deployments, 911 Datamaster has created a suite of GIS-driven applications and services that support state, regional, and local government transitions from E9-1-1 to NG9-1-1.