



County Names Private Drives

The Whitfield County Address Location Project moves forward with naming private drives. GeoComm representatives focused on locating five errors while out in the field, one of those being locating private drives with three or more addressable structures accessed off it. The representatives identified approximately 650 drives which needed unique road names assigned to meet the National Emergency Number Association's (NENA) guidelines for 9-1-1 addressing.

The naming of the private drives with three or more structures will aid with emergency response. Whitfield County Fire Chief Carl Collins says every minute is critical in emergencies and the responders don't have time to be searching for a house.

"There are so many side roads in the County with several residences off of them. In most cases, the mailboxes are lined up along the main road and the homes don't have an actual address on it, so we're just guessing what house it was that called for a kitchen fire or some other emergency."

The County asked for resident's input on naming private drives in July. About 30 citizens showed up. The roads left unnamed after public input were named by the County, through a combination of historical names and names in use within the State of Georgia. Over the next several months, the County will begin installation of blue road signs at intersections indicating the names of the private drives.

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