



# Gulfport Police Department News Release



Subject: Police Department Disconnecting Old Phone Lines

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## Narrative

Gulfport, FL—Effective June 1, 2017, the old telephone lines for the former police communications center will be disconnected. Since 2012, when police communications were outsourced to the Pinellas Sheriff's Office, the city of Gulfport has paid approximately \$12,000 per year to maintain the lines and to have calls automatically forwarded. As the city migrates to a new telephone system next month, the old lines will no longer be forwarded.

In the meantime, the website and all publications list the direct number, which is: 727-582-6177.

The police department is asking all residents and businesses to update their phones and other records to reflect this number. The old number (727-893-1030) should be removed, as it will no longer work after the change is made.

Of course in the event of an emergency such as a crime in progress, all are reminded to use 911, as these calls are given priority in the answering queue.

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