



## **New 667 Area Code is Coming to Maryland**

### **Residents and Businesses Prepare for Area Code Overlay**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 23, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Residential and business customers within the existing 410/443 area code should be prepared for the introduction of the 667 area code.

PAETEC, which was acquired in December by Windstream, announced today that beginning March 24, 2012, Maryland customers requesting new service, an additional line, or in some cases, moving their service may be assigned a number in the new 667 area code.

To ensure a continuing supply of new telephone numbers for the Maryland area, the Maryland Public Service Commission has approved the addition of a new area code (667) to cover the same geographical area as the 410 and the 443 area codes.

The most important facts that consumers and businesses need to know about the upcoming 667 area code overlay are:

- Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change.
- You will continue to dial area code + telephone number for all local calls.
- You will continue to dial 1+ area code + telephone number for all long distance calls.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay.
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 911.
- If 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 or 811 are currently available in your community, you will still dial these codes with just three digits

Customers should continue to identify their telephone number as a ten digit number (Area Code + 7 digit telephone number), and include the area code when giving the number to their friends, family, business associates and customers, etc.

Customers should ensure that all services, automatic dialing equipment, applications, software, or other types of equipment recognize the new 667 area code as a valid area code. Some examples are life safety systems, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, alarm and security systems, gates, speed dialers, mobile phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services, and similar functions. Be sure to check your business stationery, advertising materials, personal checks, and your personal or pet ID tags to ensure the area code is included in your telephone number. Remember that all local calls must be programmed using 10-digits and you need to add "1" for all long distance calls.

If customers have any questions regarding information provided in this news release, please call PAETEC/Windstream at 877-340-2600 or access [www.paetec.com](http://www.paetec.com) for more information.

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