

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Adiel McKnight, Executive Assistant

DATE: April 10, 2023

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming the week of April 9-15, 2023 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community, are honored. This week-long event, initially set up in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California, is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication.

The three-digit telephone number "9-1-1" has been designated as the "Universal Emergency Number," for citizens throughout the United States to request emergency assistance. It is intended as a nationwide telephone number and gives the public fast and easy access to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

The Board of County Commissioners recognizes the sacrifices Emergency Responders make to create a better and safer world for the public. The commitment to their profession is appreciated by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the public safety communications community, and the citizens you serve.

FISCAL IMPACT:

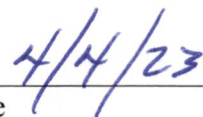
There is no fiscal impact to Jefferson County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming the Week of April 9-15, 2023 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators across the state are available around the clock to answer calls from those in distress; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators are also radio lifelines for police officers, fire-fighters, and emergency medical personnel who respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 telecommunicators are responsible for a wide range of public warnings, including AMBER alerts and notification of earthquakes, tsunamis, hazardous materials releases, and other threats to public safety; and

WHEREAS, countless lives have been saved by the prompt, effective, and compassionate responses of 9-1-1 telecommunicators; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and National Emergency Number Association (NENA) are composed of members representing telecommunications from every facet of public safety in Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2023, as

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

in Jefferson County and encourage people in this county to join us in this special observance in recognizing the important contributions of this dedicated group.

APPROVED this 10th day of April, 2023.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Greg Brotherton, Chair

ATTEST:

Kate Dean, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Heidi Eisenhour, Member