

## **Telecommunications Week 2025**

Whereas, This week marks National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, a time to honor and recognize the critical role that 911 dispatchers play in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. These often-unsung heroes serve as the first point of contact during emergencies, providing a lifeline to those in need and coordinating a swift and effective response.

Whereas, Dispatchers are highly trained professionals who possess exceptional communication skills, critical thinking abilities, and the capacity to remain calm and focused under immense pressure. They answer emergency calls, assess the situation with remarkable speed and accuracy, and dispatch the appropriate emergency personnel - including law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other emergency responders. They must often do this while interacting with distressed callers and managing rapidly evolving situations, where every second counts.

Whereas, their responsibilities extend far beyond simply answering calls. Dispatchers also provide pre-arrival instructions to callers, guiding them through potentially life-saving measures such as CPR, first aid, or childbirth until help arrives. They coordinate with multiple agencies and resources, ensuring a seamless and efficient response to emergencies of all types and magnitudes. They serve as the crucial link between those in need and the emergency services that can provide assistance, often making split-second decisions that can mean the difference between life and death.

Whereas, the work of dispatchers is demanding and relentless. They work tirelessly around the clock, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including weekends, holidays, and nights. They sacrifice precious time with their families and loved ones to ensure the safety and security of our community. Their unwavering dedication, commitment to public service, and ability to handle high-stress situations with remarkable composure deserve our deepest respect and gratitude.

Whereas, National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is an opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for these unsung heroes who work behind the scenes to keep us safe. They are the calm voices in the storm, the guardians of our well-being, and the vital link between our community and emergency services.

Therefore, we do hereby proclaim April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup> Telecommunications Week.

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