

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 20, 2013 AS PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 17, 2013

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime across Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the prompt response of law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, The public safety telecommunicators of Washtenaw Metro Dispatch are responsible for receiving all of the emergency calls and dispatching law enforcement personnel for the City of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti City, Northfield Township, Michigan State Police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw Metro Dispatch received 172,000 calls for emergency assistance from the citizens of Washtenaw County in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our first responders is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone Washtenaw Metro Dispatch; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the single most vital link for law enforcement responders by coordinating responding units, monitoring activities by radio, and providing responders with critical information to ensure their safety; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators have mastered a wide array of advanced technologies in the performance of these duties including Computer Aided Dispatch, Enhanced 9-1-1, 800 MHz radio, and Law Enforcement Information systems; and

WHEREAS, the public safety telecommunicators of Washtenaw Metro Dispatch have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, rescue of trapped victims and treatment of injured or ill patients; and

WHEREAS, each telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their duties over the past year

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the week of April 14, 2013 through April 20, 2013, as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week in Washtenaw County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners joins in honoring the men and women of Washtenaw Metro Dispatch whose diligence and professionalism helps to keep Washtenaw County's communities, neighborhoods, schools and businesses safe.