

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Whereas, emergencies that require police, fire, or emergency medical services can occur at any time, and when they occur, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

Whereas, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center; and

Whereas, Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, exhibiting compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their duties; and

Whereas, Dispatchers serve as a vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities; and

Whereas, Indian River County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Dispatchers addressed 167,858 calls for service for Law Enforcement and 35,643 calls for Fire Rescue in 2022, as well as answered 68,831 9-1-1 calls and 101,941 administrative calls; and

Whereas, Public Safety Dispatchers of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office, as knowledgeable and highly trained individuals who work closely with police, fire, and medical personnel, have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of crime, and treatment of patients.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the week of April 9 through April 15, 2023, be designated as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Indian River County, to honor the women and men whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2023.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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