

Proclamation

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

April 10 – 16, 2022

Whereas, emergencies that require police, fire, or emergency medical services can occur at any time; when an emergency occurs, 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; and

Whereas, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their duties in the past year. They are knowledgeable and highly trained individuals who work closely with police, fire, and medical personnel; and

Whereas, Indian River County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Dispatchers dispatched 188,956 calls for service for Law Enforcement and 33,456 calls for Fire Rescue in 2021, as well as answered 68,461 9-1-1 calls and 104,664 administrative calls; and

Whereas, Public Safety Dispatchers of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office 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 10 through April 16, 2022, be designated as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Indian River County, to honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Adopted this 12th day of April, 2022.

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