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April 8-14 is National Telecommunications Week

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated by Act of Congress to the people who serve as public safety telecommunicators – the first contact that residents have when public-safety assistance is needed.

On Tuesday, March 14, the Board of County Supervisors proclaimed April 8-14 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Prince William County – a time to honor all telecommunicators who answer the calls for help while providing emergency assistance to the public and to first responders.

Eddie L. Reyes, director of the Office of Public Safety Communications, received the proclamation on behalf of the County's emergency telecommunicators. Police Chief Barry M. Barnard and Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Timothy L. Keen joined Mr. Reyes in the Board meeting. The Police and Fire & Rescue departments jointly administer the Office of Public Safety Communications.

They are the first people you speak to on your worst day. These professionals are dedicated, knowledgeable, empathetic and patient. Although hidden from public view, they have chosen this career for the opportunity to make a difference every day.

Residents are urged to recognize and thank the great group of professionals who make sure your 9-1-1 calls are answered; provide aid, comfort and pre-arrival instructions; and dispatch needed police and fire & rescue responders.

For more information, call 703-792-6500.

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