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COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department/Division: E 911 Communications

Department Head: Cheryl Rogers

Presenter, if needed: Cheryl Rogers

Preferred Meeting Date: Thursday, April 9, 2009

Wording for the Agenda:

Fayette County E 911 Communications requests the Board of Commissioners issue a proclamation for "National Telecommunicators' Week" (April 12th thru April 18th, 2009) honoring our County's Telecommunicators and the vital contributions they make to the safety and well-being of Fayette County's first responders and our citizens.

Background/History/Details:

Thousands of dedicated Telecommunicators serve the citizens of the United States by answering telephone and radio calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and by dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible. The Associated Public Safety Communications Officers, Inc., an organization of professionals engaged in the design, installation and operations of emergency response communications, has set aside the second week in April annually to recognize Telecommunicators and their crucial role in the protection of life and property.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Adopt proclamation recognizing the efforts of our County's 911 Communications professionals and "National Telecommunicators' Week".

If this item requires funding, please describe:

No funding required.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past? Yes

If so, when? Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Do you need audio-visual for the presentation? No

Back-up Material Submitted? Yes

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Approved by Finance? Yes

Reviewed by Legal? Yes

Approved by Purchasing? Yes

Approved by Administrative Staff? Yes

Staff Notes

Administrator's Approval Yes

Confirmed Meeting Date Thursday, April 9, 2009

- (●) Recognition/ Presentation
- ( ) Public Hearing
- ( ) Old Business
- ( ) New Business
- ( ) Consent
- ( ) Report
- ( ) Other

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK AND THE FAYETTE COUNTY E911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

WHEREAS, Critical incidents occur randomly and without warning that require police, fire, or emergency medical responses; and when an emergency occurs, the prompt dispatch of public safety personnel is critical to the preservation of life, property, and domestic security; and

WHEREAS, Communications Officers are the first responders who receive critical information from residents and visitors as emergencies develop; and are vital to the safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel and others who depend on the quality dissemination of information obtained from those who frantically contact the Fayette County Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Fayette County's Communications Officers consistently exhibit compassion, dedication, expertise, and professionalism during the performance of their duties as telecommunicators – as they are a critical link in a chain of people who rescue life and limb, protect property, and on occasion bring new life into this world; and

WHEREAS, The public safety community pauses each year to recognize the critical function of the those who answer and attend to callers in the midst of emergencies across our Nation around the clock; and likewise it is appropriate to honor the dedicated service of the Communications Officers who staff the Fayette County Communications Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY**, GEORGIA, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12 -18, 2009, as "National Telecommunicators' Week in Fayette County", and in doing so express on behalf our residents and visitors our appreciation to those who are the first point of contact when an emergency, disaster, or other critical incident occurs within our community. We thank you for your willingness to perform a job that often goes unheralded and without thanks but without which many lives would forever be affected. Thank you for a job well done.

So proclaimed this 9th day of April, 2009, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Jack R. Smith, Chairman