



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as Public Safety Telecommunicators. It was first conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County (California) Sheriff's Office in 1981 and was observed only at that agency for three years;

WHEREAS, members of the Virginia and North Carolina Chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications (APCO) became involved in the mid-1980's. By the early 1990's, the National APCO organization convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation;

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services. When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighter, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property;

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the City of Greenville Police-Fire Communications Center;

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services;

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety;

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the City of Greenville have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, NC, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6 - 12, 2014, as

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

in Greenville in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

This 7th day of April, 2014.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor