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NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

National Telecommunications Week is set for **April 13 to 19, 2014**. The City of Tucson will honor their Public Safety Dispatchers, 911 Operators, and Police Service Operators during this time.

This week is dedicated to public safety telecommunicators who aid in providing 911 emergency assistance to citizens everywhere. Specifically, this week honors emergency telecommunicators who work for the City of Tucson Police Department Communications Division and the City of Tucson's Fire Department Communications Division.

Introduced to Congress in 1991, by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International, **National Public Safety Communications Week** is held during the second week in April each year. The term "9-1-1" is often associated with rapid emergency response, poise under pressure, aid and compassion in times of distress, and critical decision-making within seconds.

In Tucson and throughout this region, these individuals are indeed the 'FIRST' first-responders to citizens in distress. Annually, the Police Communications Division handles over 500,000 calls for service. Every day, thousands of people in our communities depend upon the skill, expertise, commitment and compassion of our Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services dispatchers, and call-takers. They are trained to be prepared for the unexpected and unimaginable. These professionals make the difference between life and death in many instances.

Please join us in recognizing and celebrating the dedicated service provided by Tucson's telecommunicators.

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