

PROCLAMATION



- Whereas,** behind every emergency response that takes place in Washoe County, there is a team of dedicated, professional Communications Specialists who are often the first and most vital link between our citizens and emergency services; and
- Whereas,** Washoe County Communications Specialists are the lifeblood of information for more than 500 public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing a critical safety service to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Police Department, Pyramid Lake Tribal Police, Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue/EMS, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Police, the Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing, and back up services REMSA Health, and after-hour services for the Washoe County School District Police Department; and
- Whereas,** the 24 Communications Specialists, one communications call taker, five supervisors, and one center manager who serve at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center have exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during more than 150,000 calls for service each year, covering an area of approximately 6,700 square miles with over 114,000 residents; and
- Whereas,** every Washoe County Communications Specialist is certified by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch in Emergency Medical Dispatch, Emergency Police Dispatch and Emergency Fire Dispatch, and ED-Q Qual so that they may provide a substantial contribution to the treatment of medical patients, apprehension of criminals, and the suppression of fires throughout Washoe County; and
- Whereas,** we honor our county's less visible, but vitally important first responders—the dedicated and professional Communications Specialists—who are always ready to serve in the interest of public safety no matter how difficult or stressful the circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of April 14-20 2024 as

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Dated this 16th day of April, 2024.

Alexis Hill, Chair
Washoe County Commission