

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the second full week in April is recognized as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, a time to honor the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community; and

**WHEREAS**, this week-long event was originally organized in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California and was observed only at this agency for three years; in 1991, Congress issued a formal proclamation of the week, making it an ongoing, nationally acknowledged event; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety telecommunicators are the driving force behind our emergency rescue services; when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the safety of the community; public safety telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our residents have with emergency services even though they are not as visible as the men and women who arrive at the scene of emergencies, they are just as important; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County's 227 Public Safety Telecommunicators handled 1,134,284 emergency 9-1-1 and non-emergency telephone calls and 1,481,709 CAD incidents in 2014 for Police, Fire and EMS agencies covering the 130 municipalities served; throughout this week, we honor and applaud the work of our telecommunications personnel who have greatly contributed to the safety our of county and citizens through their hard work; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is thankful for the compassion, understanding, and professionalism displayed by our telecommunications personnel and encourage all other employees, residents, and friends to recognize the commitment and trustworthiness of this department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2015 as "Public Safety Telecommunications Week" in Allegheny County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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