

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
April 1, 2014	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Gary McCullough, Chief of Police
Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager *rc*

ISSUE **NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK PROCLAMATION**

BACKGROUND

April 13-19, 2014 is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. It is designated as a time when citizens can thank public safety men and women who respond to emergency calls and dispatch emergency professionals and equipment during times of crisis. Americans can show gratitude to 9-1-1 call takers, dispatchers, technicians that maintain radio and emergency phone systems, communications staff trainers, communications center personnel, and other public safety telecommunications staff across the country who work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to help you during emergencies.

ADVANTAGES:

The proclamation identifies the City of Coos Bay as a community that recognizes the important contribution Public Safety Telecommunicators make each day. The professionalism and dedication each telecommunicator gives to their job ensures that every 9-1-1 call will be answered promptly and efficiently, and this will contribute to keeping our City and citizens they serve safe.

DISADVANTAGES:

None

BUDGET:

None

RELATED CITY GOAL:

- Citizen Education and Involvement
- Infrastructure and Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the council, please approve the proclamation.



Proclamation

Whereas emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

Whereas when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

Whereas the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the 9-1-1 / Dispatch Center at the Coos Bay Police Department; and

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

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; and

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Coos Bay Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

Whereas each telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

Therefore Be It Resolved that I, Crystal Shoji, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, hereby proclaim April 13 – 19 to be

National Telecommunicator's Week

in Coos Bay, in honor of the telecommunicators whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 1st day of April 2014.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor