

# **KLAMATH 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**

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## **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMUNICATORS WEEK**

**April 14-20, 2019**

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Since the early 1990's, Public Safety Agencies nationwide have recognized the pivotal role played by telecommunicators, dispatchers, communications operators, radio control personnel, ALL those people, by whatever job title, who utilize telephones, radios, computers and technical skill to provide support to Law Enforcement, Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services and other governmental field personnel.

Each year, the second week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety Telecommunicators. In Klamath County, our 9-1-1 staff handle more calls per seat than any other 9-1-1 center in Oregon!

That's over 4000 9-1-1 calls per month. Add in non-emergency calls and officer initiated events for a total of over 6200 public safety events tracked each month.

We hope you join Klamath 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District in honoring these dedicated dispatchers in our community.

This year your local 9-1-1 center is recognizing their dispatchers with small gifts of appreciation. Our hope is that you share in this appreciation for these professionals who work around the clock, all year long, to answer your call and support our officers, firefighters and medics in the field in order to help keep the public safe.

When you dial 9-1-1 in Klamath County, and one of these dispatchers answers your call – know where you are and stay on the line so they can help get the assistance you need!

**9-1-1 saves seconds, seconds save lives**

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STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Several hundred dedicated telecommunication professionals answer nearly 2 million emergency calls a year and serve the citizen of and visitors to Oregon 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. These telecommunicators answer the 9-1-1 emergency calls in need of assistance from law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, and dispatch the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and
- WHEREAS:** The professional public safety telecommunicator shows dedication and commitment every day and is a vital link between citizens and public safety providers who save lives, protect property, and apprehend criminals and are the true 1st first responders; and
- WHEREAS:** The critical functions performed by professional telecommunicators also include those related to other operations performed by federal, state, and local government agencies to include emergency management, highway safety, and search and rescue; and
- WHEREAS:** Public Safety Associations, and other organizations from the United States and Canada, have set aside an important week in April to recognize telecommunicators and their crucial role in the protection of life and property.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 14-20, 2019** to be

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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 1, 2019.



*Kate Brown*  
Kate Brown, Governor

*Bev Clarno*  
Bev Clarno, Secretary of State