



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center is the regional Public Safety Answering Point for Mesa County, serving over 150,000 residents and two million visitors annually and providing dispatch services to 23 Mesa County public safety agencies; and
- Whereas,** 9-1-1 public safety telecommunicators handle more than 301,000 calls annually and are critically important public safety first responders who quickly identify the location and problem of the 9-1-1 caller, and provide direction to keep callers safe or medical instruction prior to the ambulance's arrival; and
- Whereas,** the telecommunicators recently achieved accreditation through the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch, demonstrating a commitment to excellence in the provision of emergency medical instructions to callers in crisis; and
- Whereas,** the telecommunicators dispatch more than 150,000 calls for service annually to law enforcement, fire and EMS while providing critical information to responding units, helping them prepare for their arrival; and
- Whereas,** the Communication Center provides tactical dispatchers who respond to the scene supporting the incident commander for out-of-control fires or SWAT incidents for barricaded subject or school lockdowns; and
- Whereas,** our telecommunicators notify the public when critical law enforcement or fire events occur in their area and provide instructions for evacuation or shelter in place; and
- Whereas,** the telecommunicators of the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center are the first responders who provide a voice in the darkness and calm in the chaos.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.E. Duke Wortmann, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the week of April 11 - 17, 2021 as

"National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to help recognize and support the goals and ideals of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; honor and recognize the importance and contributions of the Nation's public safety communications professionals; and encourage the people of the United States and our community to remember the value of the work performed by public safety communications professionals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 7th day of April 2021.

C.E. Duke Wortmann

Mayor

