

Whereas

Whereas, dedicated public safety telecommunicators at the Bureau of Emergency Communications serve Portlanders by responding to their requests for police, fire, and emergency medical services and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

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

Whereas, professional public safety telecommunicators are a vital link between responders and victims and are often the first contact people have with emergency services; and

Whereas, public safety telecommunicators seek to ensure the safety of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel by monitoring their activities by radio and providing accurate information obtained from 9-1-1 callers; and

Whereas, public safety telecommunicators at the City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Communications have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and life-saving treatment of patients experiencing medical emergencies; and

Whereas, stable and adequate ongoing funding for the Bureau of Emergency Communications is critical to support the work of our public safety communicators, who often work long hours to ensure the Bureau fulfills its mission of answering 9-1-1 calls and dispatching help; and

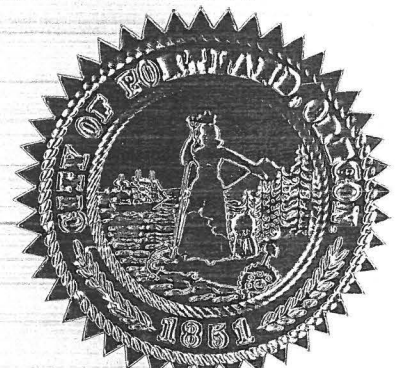
Whereas, telecommunicators in the Bureau of Emergency Communications exhibit compassion, understanding, and professionalism while performing a critically important job as Multnomah County's *first* first-responders;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 10 through 16, 2016 to be

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this week.

Charlie Hales



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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Novick)

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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

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1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
Hales		