



PROCLAMATION

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 9 - 15, 2023



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

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt dispatch of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life, preservation of property, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained by Public Safety Telecommunicators of the City of DeKalb Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Telecommunicators are the single vital communication link among our police officers, firefighters and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Telecommunicators of the City of DeKalb have contributed substantially to effective public safety response, the apprehension of criminals, the suppression of fires and the treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each Telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 9-15, 2023, has been designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and recognized nationally by proclamation of the United States Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, along with the City of DeKalb City Council, do hereby declare local recognition and celebration of National Public Safety Telecommunicators week from April 9-15, 2023, in honor of the Telecommunicators whose diligence and professionalism help keep the City of DeKalb and its first responders informed of emergencies and safe from harm.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 10th day of April 2023.

Cohen Barnes, Mayor



Carolyn Morris, Alderman - 1st Ward
 Barb Larson, Alderman - 2nd Ward
 Tracy Smith, Alderman - 3rd Ward
 Greg Perkins, Alderman - 4th Ward

Scott McAdams – 5th Ward
 Mike Verbic – 6th Ward
 Tony Faivre – 7th Ward