

**In Recognition of
National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
April 14-20, 2013**

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

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

WHEREAS, the dispatcher verifies the caller's location, determines the nature of the emergency and decides which emergency response teams should be notified; 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 City of Fort Lauderdale police-fire communications center; 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 City of Fort Lauderdale have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 14 through April 20, 2013** as:

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

in the City of Fort Lauderdale in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

DATED this, the 16th day of April 2013.

**John P. "Jack" Seiler
Mayor**

