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## Media Release

### HRECC Celebrates National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week

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# National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Harrisonburg VA – April 9 – 15 is National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week and during this week the dedicated employees of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center (HRECC) are honored and recognized for the work they do to keep our community safe all year long.

“Public safety communicators are the “first,” first responders,” said Jim Junkins, director of Emergency Communications.

The HRECC staff works daily to protect the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County by quickly and efficiently answering 9-1-1 calls and dispatching responders hundreds of times each day. During 2016 this group of employees handled more than 263,000 telephone transactions and dispatched emergency services 123,673 times.

As part of this week, the HRECC will be selecting one very special employee as the 2016 Communicator of the Year. This employee is recognized for exemplary service and contribution to the public safety profession during the past year. Additional awards and recognitions will be given at the annual awards ceremony taking place on Wednesday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the HRECC, 101 North Main Street. The media is invited and encouraged to attend.

Please be sure to recognize and thank this group of individuals during this important week as they play a vital role in ensuring the safety of the public and the public safety responders.

“Our staff is always here when you need them, and still here when you don't,” said Dee Dee Sencindiver, operations manager of the HRECC.

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