

PROCLAMATION

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

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

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;

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority;

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

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety;

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Sutphin, Mayor of the Town of Blacksburg, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12 through April 18, 2026 as **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week** in our community and encourage our citizens to honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our town and our citizens safe.

Given under my hand this 1st day of April, 2026.





Mayor Michael Sutphin