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Re: Commissioners proclaim National Public Safety Telecommunicators week

### **WELD COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM APRIL 14-19 NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners issued a proclamation on Monday, announcing April 14-19 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.



Sponsored by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International and celebrated annually, this week honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance residents.

“The Board recognizes the vital role our communications dispatchers play in assisting Weld County residents during their times of need,” said Commissioner Chair Douglas Rademacher. “We’d like to take this week to recognize the outstanding service they provide to our community.”

Weld County recently celebrated the opening of the new Weld County Regional Communications Center (WCRCC) at 1551 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Greeley. The 10,316-square-foot facility features state-of-the-art equipment and technology and is the largest Emergency Communications Center in the state of Colorado. It serves 41 law, fire and medical agencies and is comprised of 71 staff members, including 53 communications dispatchers.

In October 2013, the WCRCC was awarded one of the highest honors a center can achieve: the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Accredited Center of Excellence (ACE). It is the 180th ACE Center in the world.

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