



PROCLAMATION

Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 12th - April 18, 2026

WHEREAS, emergencies that require police, fire or emergency medical services can occur at any time; 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, firefighters and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who contact the Valdez emergency communications center; and

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

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 ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Valdez Police Department 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, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12th through April 18th as "Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in Valdez in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST:

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk