

Gallatin County Commission

2023 Dispatcher Appreciation Week

Proclamation

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs in Gallatin County, public safety dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens and visitors have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our first responders is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from people who call the Gallatin County 911 Dispatch Center; and

WHEREAS, Gallatin County 911 provides dispatch services for 16 fire departments, six law enforcement agencies, two ambulance services and two helicopter services in Gallatin County; and

WHEREAS, Gallatin County's dispatchers answered 152,829 calls for service in 2022, a number that is rapidly increasing as our county continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, Gallatin County 911 Communications includes an administrative staff of five and a technical staff of four who support the dispatchers and the technology needed for them to effectively do their jobs; and

WHEREAS, dispatchers are the single vital link for our law enforcement and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff of Gallatin County 911 Communications provides an essential service for first responders, residents and visitors of Gallatin County; and

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Commission appreciates all of our dispatchers for their long hours of work, and their compassion, understanding and professionalism while working with the public; and,

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Commission honors the staff of the Gallatin County 911 Dispatch Center for their service and sacrifice, which make all of the communities in our county a better and safer place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, April 9-15, 2023 is National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, as Gallatin County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2023 to be "DISPATCHER APPRECIATION WEEK" in Gallatin County, Montana and hereby call upon all citizens, government agencies, business leaders and public and private institutions in Gallatin County to observe DISPATCHER APPRECIATION WEEK.

**GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

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Zach Brown, Chair

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Scott MacFarlane, Member

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Jennifer Boyer, Member

**ATTEST:**

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Eric Semerad, Clerk & Recorder