COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	911 Communications	Presenter(s):	Cheryl Rogers
Meeting Date:	Thursday, March 25, 2010	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation of a Proclamation for "National Telecommunicators Week", April 11-17, 2010.

Background/History/Details:

Thousands of dedicated Telecommunicators serve the citizens of the United States by answering telephone and radio calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and by dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible. The Associated Public Safety Communications Officers, Inc., an organization of professionals engaged in the design, installation and operations of emergency response communications, has set aside the second week in April annually to recognize Telecommunicators and their crucial role in the protection of life and property.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Adopt proclamation recognizing the efforts of our County's 911 Communications professionals and "National Telecommunicators' Week".

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK AND THE
FAYETTE COUNTY ENHANCED 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

WHEREAS, Each day, citizens dial 911 for help in emergencies; and whether there is a house fire, an auto accident, a sudden heart attack or an injured child, the prompt response of Public Safety personnel to these desperate calls for help is essential to the continued well being of our community and its' residents; and

WHEREAS, Fayette County Communications Officers are the first responders who provide a calm and reassuring voice to the caller; who obtain critical information and disseminate the information to the appropriate Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Law Enforcement personnel when emergencies occur; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are more than a calm and reassuring voice, they are devoted, knowledgeable and highly trained professionals with a relentless willingness to serve their public; and

WHEREAS, Emergencies can strike at any time and we, the community, rely on the vigilance and the preparedness of these individuals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, The Public Safety community appreciates the critical function of the Communications Officer and recognizes that our health, safety and well being are often dependent on the commitment and steadfast devotion of our Public Safety Telecommunicators;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA, do hereby proclaim the week of April 11– 17, 2010, as "National Telecommunicators' Week" in Fayette County, and in doing so express on behalf of our residents and visitors our appreciation to those who are the first point of contact when an emergency, disaster, or other critical incident occurs within our community. We thank you for your willingness to perform a job that often goes unheralded and without thanks but without which many lives would be affected forever. Thank you for a job well done.

So Resolved this 25th Day of March, 2010, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Jack R. Smith, Chairman