

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – APRIL 1, 2014

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK – APRIL 13-19, 2014

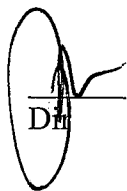
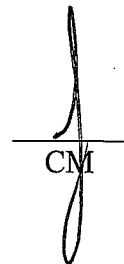
SOURCE: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/CITY CLERK DIVISION

COMMENT: At its meeting of October 1, 2013, the Council amended the process by which proclamations are approved. The new process requires that all proclamations must be sponsored by one Council Member, after which the request is then placed on the Council's agenda for consideration and approval by a majority of the Council.

The Police Department has requested that the Council consider approval of a proclamation to recognize April 13-19, 2014, as Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Mayor Hamilton is sponsoring this proclamation request. If approved, the proclamation will be presented at the City Council meeting on April 15, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider approval of the request to proclaim April 13-19, 2014, as Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

ATTACHMENTS: Request for Proclamation

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Item No. 15



City of Porterville  
REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION

Date of Request: 3-18-14

Name of Event/Individual: NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK  
i.e. "Porterville Tourism Week", "Mr. John Doe"

Name of Sponsoring Organization: PORTERVILLE POLICE DEPT.

Name of Contact Person: DAN HAYNES, CAPTAIN

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Phone: 559-782-7565 FAX: 559-784-1070

E-mail: DHAYNES@CE.PORTERVILLE.CA.US

I would like the proclamation:  presented at a Council Mtg.  mailed  call for pick-up

Date(s) of Event: APRIL 15-19, 2014

Date of Council Meeting to be presented, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Council meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month.)

Individual or representative attending Council Meeting to receive proclamation:  
LACINA BULKHAJ

Please attach a sample of your proclamation, or the pertinent information needed to formulate your proclamation 3-4 weeks in advance. If assistance is needed, or if you need a sample provided, or to return this form, contact:

Office of City Clerk  
291 North Main Street  
Porterville, CA 93257  
(559) 782-7464 / Fax (559) 782-7452

All requests require a sponsorship by a member of the Council prior to being placed on a City Council Agenda for consideration, and are subject to approval by a majority of the Council.

City Clerk's Section

Request Received: 3/18/14 Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Council: yes  no  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification to Contact person done (date): \_\_\_\_\_ in writing  by phone

Items (s)  mailed \_\_\_\_\_  faxed \_\_\_\_\_  picked up \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**DRAFT PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** In 1992, Congress declared the second week in April of each year as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week; and

**WHEREAS:** The Porterville Police Department employs thirteen (13) full-time Communications Dispatchers and one (1) part-time dispatcher who provide professional telecommunication services for the community, 24-hours a day, 365 days a year; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2013, our Public Safety Dispatchers answered approximately 180,000 phone calls, including 911 calls for service and business calls. Additionally, the Communications Center documented 70,000 police incidents, 4,000 fire incidents and 12,500 incidents in the City of Lindsay; and

**WHEREAS:** Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

**WHEREAS:** They are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel, and monitor their activities by radio, providing them crucial information and insuring their safety; and

**WHEREAS:** Public Safety Dispatchers calmly and compassionately determine the needs of the caller and promptly dispatch police, fire or medical aid services to help save the lives and property of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS:** During times of crisis, tragedy or other need for public safety response, our Public Safety Telecommunicators stand ready to answer the call and send all the resources needed; and

**WHEREAS:** Porterville's Public Safety Dispatchers serve the public in countless ways on a daily basis, often without due recognition by the beneficiaries of their services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CAMERON J. HAMILTON, Mayor of the City of Porterville, on behalf of the City Council, do proclaim April 13-19, 2014, as,**

**PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

**in the city of Porterville, and urge the community to honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe**

**PROCLAIMED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.**