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### **SHERIFF GOLDEN AND THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS COMMEMORATE PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

**Freehold:** Sheriff Shaun Golden and the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders are acknowledging the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Communications Division's Public Safety Telecommunicators by commemorating National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

"This week is a great opportunity to say thank you to all the public safety telecommunicators for their hard work and commitment in maintaining public safety," said Sheriff Golden. "These dedicated men and women play a critical role in saving lives, and all too often that work goes unnoticed."

To commemorate the week, which is being held from April 12 through April 18, Freeholder Lillian G. Burry presented a proclamation to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, recognizing the PSTs, at the most recent Board of Chosen Freeholder meeting. In addition, PST Darlene Ecks, of Freehold, was presented with a commendation for going above and beyond when dealing with a missing persons call in 2014, and, PST Kelly Staffa, of Jackson, was also recognized for perfect attendance in 2014. The Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Division which is staffed with 93 public safety telecommunicators, answers 9-1-1 calls for 45 of the county's 53 municipalities and provides police, fire and EMS dispatch services.

"These men and women do an exceptional job serving Monmouth County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and deserve much credit for their dedication and professionalism," said Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, liaison to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office.

In 2014, the Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Center received a total of 590,519 calls, on average, 1,600 calls are received per day.

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COMMEMORATE PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

"Our public safety telecommunicators deserve a great deal of acknowledgement for their continued efforts," said Sheriff Golden. "Without their commitment, police officers, firefighters and EMTs across Monmouth County would not be able to perform their daily duties in a safe and effective manner."

In 1991, Congress proclaimed the second week in April as the nationally recognized week of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, recognizing the crucial role of public safety telecommunications personnel.

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