City of Bethel Proclamation

Public Safety Dispatch Week
April 13th -19th, 2008

WHEREAS, each year, the second full week of April is nationally dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators;

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services;

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics are critical to the protection of life and preservation of property;

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Bethel Police Department Communications Center;

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

WHEREAS, Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety;

WHEREAS, Public Safety Dispatchers of the Bethel Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients;

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric Middlebrook, Mayor of the City of Bethel do hereby declare the week of April 13th-19th, 2008, Public Safety Dispatch Week, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Signed this 8th day of April, 2008.

Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk