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Sheriff Jim Olson announces recognition of Public Safety Personnel serving the citizens of Carver County.

Telecommunications Week

The Carver County Sheriff's Office will honor the men and women who serve as public safety dispatchers during **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 8th – April 14th, 2018.**

Introduced to Congress by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) in 1991, National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is the second full week of April each year. This week is dedicated to public safety dispatchers who aid in providing 9-1-1 emergency assistance to citizens everywhere.

The term "9-1-1" is often associated with rapid emergency response, poise under pressure, aid and compassion in times of distress and critical decision-making within seconds. "Many people don't stop to think about these seemingly nameless, faceless individuals until they experience actual emergencies themselves. The hard work and dedication of these professionals provide a vital link to the public safety services on which we have come to rely every day and which make the difference between life and death in many instances" Sheriff Olson said.

National Correctional Officers Week

The first full week each May is officially designated as National Correctional Officers Week by the American Jail Association. Sheriff Olson says "the men and women who perform the difficult task of supervising the County's inmate population are professionals in the effective administration of justice. We dedicate the first full week in May to honor these dedicated professionals."

National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. The law was amended by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322, signed by President Bill Clinton, directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15 each year. While the actual dates change from year to year, National Police Week is always the calendar week, beginning on Sunday, which includes May 15. This year **National Police Week is May 13th – May 19th, 2018.**

During National Police Week Sheriff Olson invites all citizens to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves and enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens. Specifically on **Peace Officer Memorial Day, May 15, 2018** we honor those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Sheriff Olson believes it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression.

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