

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, the Township of Old Bridge's Police Department Public Safety Telecommunicators (or "Dispatchers") are the very first 1<sup>st</sup> responders, and are an invaluable resource to those in critical situations; and

**Whereas**, these dispatchers are called on when people are in a state of crisis, sometimes at the worst moments of their lives; and

**Whereas**, dispatchers have extensive classroom and hands on training. Most dispatchers have handled horrific incidents while maintaining total composure, demonstrating sharp critical thinking, and executing perfect multitasking ability; and

**Whereas**, the members of the Public Safety Telecommunications of Old Bridge play an essential role in ensuring that everyone has the resources they need in times of emergencies. The communication centers receive calls from persons seeking immediate relief during an emergency as well as those seeking to report suspicious behaviors or unusual incidents; and

**Whereas**, the demands on 9-1-1 telecommunicators continues to grow with rapid advancements in technology and increasing homeland security threats. Yet 9-1-1 professionals remain dedicated to their calling and are always there to provide a calm and reassuring voice on the other end of the call for help, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

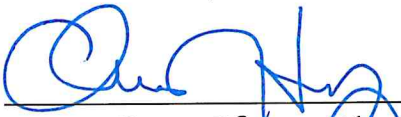
**Whereas**, as we celebrate Public Safety Telecommunications Week, the people of Old Bridge Township would like to thank our 9-1-1 communicators for their dedication and tireless service; and

**Whereas**, each Old Bridge dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; and

**Now, Therefore, I**, Owen Henry, Mayor of the Township of Old Bridge, Township Council, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, declare the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Old Bridge in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.



**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Old Bridge Township to be affixed on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year Two Thousand & Twenty Two.

  
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**Owen Henry, Mayor**