



Suffield Police Department

**** Press Release ****

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Subject: Suffield Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services recognizing Town Public Safety Dispatchers in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 9-15, 2017.

Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community, are honored. This week-long event, facilitated nationwide by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO) is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication.

In recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week 2017, the Suffield Police Department is happy to celebrate this week of recognition, mostly because we have some of the best around! Suffield's Public Safety Dispatchers play a vital role in public safety, as well as the safety of emergency responders. If you've ever called 911 or our routine telephone number then most likely you have spoken to these men and women.

Beginning on Monday April 10, 2017, the Suffield Police Department would like to put a face to the voice on the other end of the phone by showcasing one of our five (5) dispatchers each day on the Suffield Police Department Facebook page. These dedicated individuals do so much for us and we cannot thank them enough for their tireless work.

On Monday April 10, 2017, Dispatcher Nicholas Fasano was highlighted. Dispatcher Fasano is one of our three (3) full-time dispatchers. He has worked for Suffield Police since 2010. Dispatcher Fasano grew up in Suffield and has been a member of both the Suffield Police and Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Explorers. Dispatcher Fasano currently volunteers as a Lieutenant in the Suffield CT Fire Department.

Tuesday April 11, 2017 found Dispatcher Elizabeth Hayes featured on the Suffield Police Facebook page. Dispatcher Hayes is one of our two (2) part time dispatchers. She has worked for

Suffield Police since 2006. In addition, she has served as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for the Granby Emergency Medical Services for the past 35 years.

The Town of Suffield would like to thank these Public Safety Dispatchers above as well as Dispatchers Mildred Webster, Lorraine Morelli and our newest addition Lauren Mayhew for their commitment to public safety.

Please like the Suffield Police Department on our Face Book page to stay current on all our Public Safety Dispatchers profiles as well as for crime prevention and awareness information and updates.

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Note: Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International was founded in 1935. It is the world's oldest and largest organization of public safety communications professionals and supports the largest U.S. membership base of any public safety association. APCO's mission is to be a leader in providing public safety communications expertise, professional development, technical assistance, advocacy and outreach to benefit its members and the public. <https://www.apcointl.org/>