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To the Men and Women of the Hollis Communications Center:

The second full week of April is annually dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. It was first conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in 1981, and that agency observed it for three years. Members of the Virginia and North Carolina chapters of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials became involved in the mid-1980s.

By the early 1990s, the national APCO organization convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation. Representative Edward J. Markey introduced the resolution to create "National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week." It was introduced in 1992 and 1994, and then became permanent.

In the intervening years, it has become known by several other names, including "National Public Safety Telecommunications Week" and "International Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week."

This year, Sunday, April 11, begins National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and in honor to you, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the work you do to keep the Towns of Hollis, Brookline, and Mason safe.

In Hollis alone, you serve as the first line of defense for our over 7,800 residents and the countless members of the public who visit this safe and thriving community. You are the critical lifeline between our police, fire and EMS, Department of Public Works, and our community, and you do this 24-hours each day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. You do so with professionalism, poise, selflessness, and dedication to duty. Simply stated, you are one of the reasons why Hollis and the communities of Brookline and Mason are often times recognized as some of the safest communities in the State of New Hampshire.

On behalf of the men and women of the Hollis Police Department and all those agencies in which the Hollis Communications Center provides service to, I would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for your dedication and the sacrifices you make in the performance of your duties. To Dispatch Manager Rick Todd, Dispatch Supervisor Cassidy Walker, Dispatcher Matthew Judge, Dispatcher Rick Nicosia, Dispatcher Wesley Mansfield, Dispatcher Mark Pepler, Dispatcher Bob Gavin, Dispatcher John Du Varney, and Dispatcher Matthew Pervere, I thank you for your dedication and service and for a job well done. There is no doubt that Hollis, Brookline, and Mason are safer places because of our Public Safety Dispatchers.

Thank you, and STAY SAFE and HEALTHY.

Respectfully,  
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph R. Hoebeke".  
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