



Public Safety Open House

Created in 2016 by Public Safety Telecommunicator, Bridget DeFord, initially as a way to attract more applicants for job openings in the communication center, because a lot of people do not have a clear idea of what the job entails. Being a Public Safety Telecommunicator, commonly referred to as a 911 dispatcher, is a specialized profession that is unique in its demands both in terms of the required training and skill set, as well as the personal demands such as work hours and dedication. From this idea of attracting more people to the profession, the Public Safety Open House was designed to showcase what a career in 911 dispatching is all about and includes several public safety agencies that the communication center supports.

The Public Safety Open House aligns with National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week (NPSTW), which is held annually during the second week of April to honor telecommunications personnel for their commitment, service, and sacrifice. NPSTW was started in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California, and signed in 1994 Presidential Proclamation 6667, by President William J Clinton.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and staffing issues the Public Safety Open House has not been put on since 2019.

This is a free event and we encourage all community members to attend and meet your Public Safety Telecommunicators and Public Safety agencies.

Join us on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 11am for our 5th Public Safety Open House at the 911 Dispatch Center - 3425 Skyway Dr.

