

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
WASHINGTON**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the two 9-1-1 centers in Snohomish County, SNOCOM and SNOPAC, provide twenty-four hour a day emergency communications between residents in need and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, collectively SNOCOM and SNOPAC respond to more than 900,000 calls annually serving the numerous public safety agencies in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependant upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who call the SNOPAC and SNOCOM communications centers; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of Snohomish County have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, we rely on the knowledge, compassion, understanding, patience and professionalism of each dispatcher to make critical decisions, obtain information and quickly dispatch needed aid.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2009 as

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

in Snohomish County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Signed this 30th day of March, 2009

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aaron G. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Aaron G. Reardon
County Executive