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April 9-15, 2023

To: All Emergency Medical Dispatchers

cc: Medical Control Board Physicians & Office of the Medical Director Personnel

Re: National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 9-15, 2023

Another year brings a continued important message from us, sharing our sincere appreciation and respect for the accomplishments by every emergency medical dispatch professional in the EMS System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City and Tulsa on the occasion of 2023's National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week. The United States Congress declare this week to recognize the vital and life-saving work performed by emergency medical dispatchers each and every day of each and every week!

On behalf of the entire Medical Control Board and the Office of the Medical Director, we are privileged to recognize the vital role that emergency medical dispatchers fulfill in our EMS system. Within the past week, your abilities to work with precision despite the frequent and frantic callers you encounter, coupled with your enthusiasm to be a role model for 911-based emergency medical communications centers around the world allowed our system to continue to respond in admirable ways to our fellow citizens needing life-saving emergency medical care. Because of your actions, our field based EMT and Paramedic colleagues are able to get to where these patients are and when these patients need our collective care the most. There is no question you really do perform heroic actions.

Keep up the fine work, enthusiasm, and all that you do to keep patients and your field colleagues safe. Always remember you make a real impact for patients and those that love them.

It's an honor to serve as your Chief Medical Officers.

Respectfully,

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