

**ATHENS/LIMESTONE COUNTY
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911 DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE 911 PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS OF LIMESTONE COUNTY AND THE SACRIFICES
THEY MAKE TO SERVE PUBLIC SAFETY IN THEIR ROLE AS FIRST RESPONDERS**

WHEREAS, the Athens/Limestone County Emergency Communications 911 District is elevating the status of its Public Safety Telecommunicators to First Responders in a move that outpaces a similar effort on the national level; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Telecommunicators play a critical role in public safety, homeland security, and emergency response alongside Police Officers, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Telecommunicators require specialized training and skills to gather vital information and make split-second decisions to form the foundation of an effective emergency response, prevent the worsening of a situation, provide situational awareness to responders, and/or provide life-saving direction; and

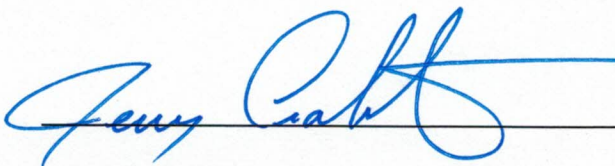
WHEREAS, the Public Safety Telecommunicator works in a uniquely stressful environment communicating with people in great distress, harm, fear or injury, and that environment can have an adverse emotional and physical impact; acknowledging that PTSD and vicarious trauma are real issues in the 911/telecommunicator profession; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Telecommunicator holds strong the "thin gold line" providing selfless compassionate care to all during good times and bad; and

WHEREAS, the Athens/Limestone County Emergency Communications 911 District holds all these things to be true.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ATHENS/LIMESTONE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911 DISTRICT that the Board recognizes Public Safety Telecommunicators are far more than clerical and supports the national movement to reclassify telecommunicators as first responders and accurately recognize the scope of the work they do. Additionally, the Athens/Limestone County Emergency Communications 911 District supports the 911 Saves Act to properly classify the profession of 911/Public Safety Telecommunicators. The Public Safety Telecommunicators shall hereby be recognized as First Responders in all policy and procedural considerations in Limestone County.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ATHENS/LIMESTONE
COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911 DISTRICT**
this 29th day of September, 2021.



Jerry Crabtree, Board Chairman



Brandon M. Wallace, Director