



Elk Grove Police Department

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NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER WEEK APRIL 11 – 17, 2010

ELK GROVE, CA – For the past several years, public safety agencies nationwide have recognized the pivotal role played by telecommunicators, dispatchers, communication operators and radio control personnel who utilize telephones, radios, computers and technical skills to provide support to law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services and other governmental field personnel. Each year, the second week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. In 1991, Congress proclaimed this time as a nationally noted week of recognition.

In recognition of their outstanding service, the Organization of Public Safety Telecommunicators (OPST) will host the 14th Annual Dispatcher Appreciation Awards Banquet on April 10, 2010 at the Citrus Heights Community Center, located at 6300 Fountain Square Dr. in Citrus Heights. Dispatcher from across the region will be honored for their hard work and commitment in the communities that they serve.

Elk Grove Police Dispatcher Katie Miller will also be honored as the Elk Grove Police Department's Dispatcher of the Year. Miller has been a dispatcher for 6 years and has made excellent contributions to the organization while demonstrating the ability to work in any type of emergency situation.

The Elk Grove Police Department Dispatch Center has an authorized staff of twenty-three personnel including (1) Dispatch Manager, (2) Dispatch Supervisors (18) Full-time Dispatchers and (2) Part-time Dispatchers. Public Safety Dispatchers are the "Unseen First Responders," who provide a critical service to the community and police personnel while performing their duties with Integrity, Accountability, and Respect at the highest level of customer service.

For more information about the Elk Grove Police Department Dispatch Center, and National Telecommunicator's Week, please contact Dispatch Supervisor Christopher Herren at (916) 478-8188.

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