

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice Celebrates National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 14, 2024 – The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice joins colleagues across the nation in celebrating April 14-20 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This special week honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the world's citizens.

Every year in the United States, EMS personnel respond to over 55 million calls for assistance. Behind each of these responses is a dedicated team of public safety telecommunicators. Their vital role often goes unseen, but it is critical to the effectiveness of our emergency response system.

Donnie Woodyard, the Executive Director of the Commission, emphasizes the importance of these professionals, stating, "The role of EMS Telecommunicators and dispatchers has never been more critical. They are the unseen backbone of our emergency response system, ensuring rapid and efficient communication that saves lives every day. This week, we honor their dedication and relentless commitment to public safety."

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#### **About the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (ICEMSPP)**

The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (ICEMSPP), established under the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) legislation, is the governing body responsible for overseeing the operations of the EMS Compact. The Commission, comprising appointed Commissioners from each member state, ensures compliance with the Compact's provisions, manages its operations, and resolves interstate disputes. The ICEMSPP's jurisdiction focuses on cross-border EMS activities, maintaining a national database of EMS personnel, and upholding uniform practices across member states to enhance EMS care and public safety.