**Media Advisory:**

**MUPD celebrates national public safety telecommunicators week**

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COLUMBIA, Mo. – The University of Missouri Police Department (MUPD) is proud to join law enforcement agencies nationwide in recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, celebrated April 13-19, 2025. The week-long event honors the dedicated telecommunications personnel who are the backbone of the public safety community.

Telecommunicators, also known as dispatchers, are the public’s first point of contact in emergency situations. They are the calm voice on the other end of the line, playing an essential role in gathering key information while making sure help is on the way.

“Public safety begins with our dispatchers,” said MUPD Chief Brian Weimer. “Our telecommunicators are the *first* first responders – they are the steady voice that provides reassurance to the public during moments of crisis. Their work is truly invaluable, and we are honored to recognize and celebrate their contributions to our campus.”

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