

Bureau of Emergency Communications

9-1-1 Press Release

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Portland 9-1-1 celebrates a year's worth of achievements during National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week, April 11-17, 2010.

WHAT: Bureau of Emergency Communications Annual Employee Awards Banquet.

WHEN: Sunday, April 11, 2010

4:30 – 5:30 pm. - Social Hour. Media encouraged to arrive during this time.

5:30 pm. -Dinner and Awards

WHERE: Madison's Bar and Grill

1109 SE Madison, Portland

503-230-2471

WHO: The Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC), Portland City Commissioner, Amanda Fritz, and representatives from many organizations, including the Police Bureaus from Portland, Gresham, Troutdale and Fairview, the Multnomah Co Sherriff's office, Portland Fire & Rescue, Gresham Fire & Rescue, American Medical Response, Multnomah Co EMS, and the Trauma Intervention Program will celebrate a year's worth of achievements and recognize the contributions made to public safety by the men and women who serve as public safety dispatchers, call-takers (9-1-1), managers, supervisors, and administrative staff. Special recognition goes to Telecommunicator of the Year: Kim Hunt, Supervisor of

Call 9-1-1 to - Save a Life – Report a Fire – Stop a Crime

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the Year: Georgia Marumoto, Outstanding Team Member of the Year: Denise Willey, and Coach of the Year: Alecia Zefakay.

WHY: Introduced to Congress in 1991 by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International, National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week is held during the second week in April each year. This week is dedicated to public safety Telecommunicators who aid in providing 9- 1-1 emergency assistance to citizens everywhere.

The term "9-1-1" is often associated with rapid emergency response, poise under pressure, aid and compassion in times of distress, and critical decision-making within seconds. Many people do not stop to think about these seemingly nameless, faceless individuals until they experience an actual emergency themselves. These professionals make the difference between life and death in many instances.

Find more information about the Bureau of Emergency Communications at <http://www.portlandonline.com/911>.