September 11th is "911 Day" recognizing 9-1-1 operators nationwide

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MONTESANO, Wash. - September 11th is "911 Day" in honor and recognition of 9-1-1 emergency operators, public safety dispatchers, telecommunicators and call takers, and the vital contributions they make to the safety and well-being of all citizens. The day was first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1987 with Public Law 99-448, and has been celebrated ever since.Since 9/11/2001, September 11th has been recognized as a day of remembrance and patriotism, honoring those we lost during the tragedy that struck our nation. 911 Day, the importance and achievements of our emergency operators, public safety dispatchers, telecommunicators and call takers provide has been overshadowed since 2001. Rarely is there mention that on 9/11/2001, these dedicated individuals continued to provide essential communications to police, fire, citizens and response agencies during the attacks on New York, the Pentagon and in the aftermath of flight 93 in Pennsylvania.These dedicated professional, courteous and knowledgeable individuals continue to perform their job 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year without accolades. They are the unheralded communications lifeline for police, fire, the community and many response agencies through severe weather, natural disasters, terror threats, fire, police and public safety responses. Grays Harbor County Emergency Management would like to thank the Grays Harbor Communications E9-1-1 telecommunicators and administrative staff for their continued dedication, support and tremendous job they have done for all Grays Harbor citizens. All are invaluable to our community. Thank you for your service! - Deputy Director, Chuck Wallace