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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, San Diego, CA** - The Fourth Annual Dispatcher Appreciation Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Mission Valley Resort to recognize public safety dispatchers from law enforcement and fire agencies throughout San Diego County. Public safety dispatchers will be recognized at this event for their service and dedication to public safety. This event marks the end of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

The San Diego Association of Public Safety Dispatchers will be presenting awards to public safety dispatchers in the following categories:

- Dispatcher of the Year
- Incident of the Year
- Communications Center of the Year

Everyday, public safety dispatchers in San Diego County answer thousands of 9-1-1 and nonemergency phone calls from citizens who require law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. Public safety dispatchers answering these calls must evaluate and immediately respond with accuracy to situations making the difference between life and death. These same communications professionals are also responsible for relaying life saving information to police officers, deputy sheriffs, firefighters and paramedics responding to citizens in need.

Members of the press are invited to cover this event. The ceremony program begins at 8 PM.

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 2007 Dispatcher Appreciation Awards Banquet Mission Valley Resort 875 Hotel Circle South San Diego, CA 92108 www.apsdonline.org/events

## About the San Diego Association of Public Safety Dispatchers

The San Diego Association of Public Safety Dispatchers works in conjunction with existing law enforcement, fire/EMS associations and resources to bring the needs and concerns specific to public safety communications to the forefront. The San Diego Association of Public Safety Dispatchers is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) association made up of fire and law enforcement communications center managers, supervisors, phone and radio dispatchers in San Diego County. For more information, visit www.apsdonline.org