



IMPACT DISPATCH

**NATIONAL PUBLIC
SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATOR'S
WEEK
CELEBRATION IDEAS**



About NPSTW

NPSTW was originally established by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California in 1981. The purpose of the week is to celebrate and show thanks and appreciation for all those individuals who serve the public through public safety communications. This can be a great time to honor your co-workers, supervisors, management, and employees, and all the work they do day in and day out.

We encourage you to use this week to celebrate and honor all those in your center!

Theme Week Ideas

Many centers have a new theme each day that telecommunicators can dress accordingly with and have decorations and/or food to match. The following is a list of possible themes. (To add to the fun, you can coordinate your decorations and menu if you are serving food to match the theme.)



Superheroes

Hippie 

Crazy Hat/Hair 

 **Cowboy/Farmer**

 **TV Character**

Pajama 

Luau 

Favorite Decade 

 **Favorite Sports Team**

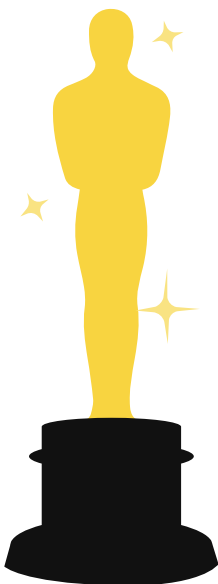
 **Beach**

Mardi Gras 

Awards

NPSTW is the perfect time to hand out awards to your center. Whether it's for more serious awards like Dispatcher of the Year or superlative awards like Best Dressed, this is a great time to give these out.

- Best Dressed
- Center Comedian
- Most Positive Attitude
- Fashionista
- Most Punctual
- Most Flexible (Gumby Award)
- Superman Award-fastest
- Bermuda Triangle Award-person with the work area where things go, but never come back from
- The Sh*t Magnet
- The Pursuit Queen or King



- Dispatcher of the Year
- Trainee of the Year
- Trainer of the Year
- Supervisor of the Year
- Lifesaver Award

Dispatch Games

Games with prizes can be one of the easiest ways to celebrate while still breaking out from the every day routine.



Candy Jar Guessing Game

Dispatch Bingo



Match the Baby Picture

"How Well Do You Know Your Coworkers"



Create a Recipe

Cupcake/Cake Decorating Contest





Management Ideas

As an individual in a leadership and/or management role, it's important to take time to show appreciation for your employees.

Here are a few ideas to do just that.

- ✓ **Handwritten Thank You Notes**
- ✓ **Provide a Meal**
- ✓ **Give a Small Gift**
- ✓ **Reach out to local businesses for donations to give**
- ✓ **Approve a dress down day/dress down day coupon**
- ✓ **Have officers, EMS, and/or firefighters help to recognize dispatchers**

Coworker Gift Ideas

Want to get something for your coworkers, but not sure what?
Check out some of these ideas!

✓ **Treats**

✓ **Candy Bags**

✓ **Gift Cards**

✓ **Dispatch Themed Items**

- Etsy
- Pinterest
- Positive Promotions

