



NEWS RELEASE

TARRANT COUNTY 9-1-1 DISTRICT

MEDIA ADVISORY

New York City and Washington D.C. area 9-1-1 Call-takers and Dispatchers visit North Texas

WHO: Emergency 9-1-1 call takers and dispatchers on duty during the terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon will be recognized and lauded by their North Texas colleagues for their efforts to calm the panicked and injured and save lives on September 11 2001.

WHAT: 9-1-1 Awareness Week /Telecommunicator Appreciation Day

**Kick-off
Press Conference
12:30 pm**

- While recognizing our own, we will honor the tireless efforts of those silent heroes, 9-1-1 personnel, which were in the trenches the day the Pentagon and the World Trade Center were attacked.
- Recognition and expression of appreciation to more than 700 Tarrant County 9-1-1 Telecommunicators and their family members will spend the day at the American Airlines Training and Conference Center (11 a.m. – 7 p.m.).
- Presentation recognizing 5-year old Bedford twins who called 9-1-1 for help when their mother would not wake up. The audiotape of the call will be available.

WHEN: Sunday, September 8, 2002
12:30 p.m.

WHERE: American Airlines Training and Conference Center
SH 360/FAA Rd near DFW Airport

WHY:

- Observance of national 9-1-1 Day (September 11).
- To salute dispatchers' dedication to emergency services.
- To educate others by recognizing citizens, such as the young 9-1-1 heroes, that called for help in an emergency.

BACKGROUND: Tarrant County 9-1-1 District is the second largest 9-1-1 administering agency in Texas serving 45 9-1-1 dispatch centers throughout the county.

The 9-1-1 industry has observed September 11 (9/11) as National 9-1-1 Day ever since President Reagan signed a proclamation in 1987 making September 11th "9-1-1 Emergency Number Day." That proclamation recognizes the importance of 9-1-1 and its ability to help save lives and increase the public's confidence in local emergency response systems.

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