

WAYS TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Thanks again to everyone who provided feedback on the survey. Based on your information, NORCOM is pleased to announce the plans/schedule for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Appreciation Week.

THEME DAYS:

Each day will have a theme assigned to it. Food that day will be based on the theme and you may choose to wear costumes (see more on that below).

Monday, April 9	Fiesta Day (bring on the Mexican food) Dress Up: Think – Cinco de Mayo in April
Tuesday, April 10	Western Day (BBQ and cowboy food) Dress Up: Flannel, jeans, boots, cowboy hats, etc
Wednesday, April 11	Celebrate & Recognize a neighboring agency An appreciation basket is being assembled by Paula Burns with Staci M sending cards to neighboring PSAPs (THANKS for heading that up)
Thursday, April 12	Sport Team Day (let's tailgate) Dress Up: Wear your favorite team gear – college, pro, minor league, kids team...which team has your passion? (kudos to anyone showing up in Oregon State University Beaver clothing!)
Friday, April 13	NORCOM Celebration Day (appetizers and fun food) Dress Up: Fancy clothes – black tie optional J
Saturday, April 14	Rainy Day (soups, chili, crock pots) Dress Up: flannels, knits (not pajamas, sorry)
Sunday, April 15	Tropical Day (a taste of the islands) Dress: Let's see those tropical shirts and dresses

Thank you to the whooping high percentage of you who said you were willing to help bring food in support of the themes. Supervisors will be coordinating the food festivities on their shifts. Sign-up sheets will be showing up in the comm. Center for you to sign up to bring food items in that support the theme.

COSTUMES:

You may dress in costume for the theme days. Please use discretion and keep in mind that even in costume, you are representing NORCOM and must adhere to SOP 03-026 (with the exception of the required logowear). This means no exposed midriffs, no visible undergarments, etc. Have fun with the theme, but remain professional. If you come in costume, you will get a "special" raffle ticket. At the end of the week, a drawing will be held for a special prize. When in doubt about whether a given employee is "dressed to the theme", the supervisor on duty will have final judgment. Wearing a diamond ring on NORCOM Celebration day is not considered "dressing up".

TURN IN YOUR COIN:

If you have a coin that was given to you by a supervisor or a fellow team member over the past 7 months, you may turn your coin into any supervisor in exchange for a raffle ticket. This drawing will be held the Monday after Telecommunicators week (April 16). Coins must be turned in by Sunday, April 15th at the latest. If you choose to keep your coin and not turn it in, you will not receive a raffle ticket. This is still a new part of NORCOM's informal recognition and the intent is to keep the coins circulating.

TELECOMMUNICATOR RAFFLE:

Each Telecommunicator's name will be entered into the raffle. Items have been donated by various customer agencies, vendors, businesses, and others who support what you do. What little gift will you get this year???

R2D2 DECORATING CONTEST:

This was a suggestion from the survey. You may decorate your R2 (Mobile Storage Pedestal if you are interested in the "real name") anytime between Saturday, April 7th and Tuesday, April 10th. Ballots will be provided to all Telecommunicators and some special judges on Wednesday. Balloting will close on Sunday, April 15th. Prizes will be awarded on Monday, April 16th. Again, please keep in mind the professionalism that is expected – nothing inappropriate or offensive. If you are unsure if it is appropriate, it probably isn't. If there is further doubt, please ask your supervisor. Items that are offensive or inappropriate will be removed.

Cake Walk

The "Cake Walk" will occur on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. A sign-up sheet will be on the wall for personnel to sign up to bring baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, whatever). There will be a limit of 3 "cakes" per day (1 per shift). At some point during the shift, a chair number will be drawn from the bowl. Whomever is sitting in that chair "wins" the "cake."

Granted, this is just one week when we pull out all the stops and celebrate the important work you do. We want it to be fun, but not crazy out of control. We will follow-up after the celebration week to see what worked and what didn't. What you liked and what you didn't. What suggestions you have for next year...

SPECIAL THANKS to the Supervisors who will be coordinating the day to day activities. This takes their commitment to pull these activities together. If I missed something on this email, I'll make sure to update it.