

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY )

RESOLUTION 03-24

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERVICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AS FIRST RESPONDERS IN NEWBERRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunications Officers are part of the critical infrastructure of the Public Safety system and are trained and certified as Telecommunication Officers pursuant to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy's standards and training; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunications Officers play a critical role in emergency response as the first line of communication for persons needing law enforcement, fire, or medical response and are, very often, the first public safety employees handling an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunications Officers deal with stressful situations, the need to make split-second decisions which affect the safety and well-being of both the public and field responders, and delivering emergency medical pre-arrival instructions daily; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunications Officers handle emergency and non-emergency calls with compassion, empathy, and professionalism; and

**WHEREAS**, information gathered and relayed by Public Safety Telecommunications Officers can mean the difference between life and death for callers and field responders, provides an integral basis for an effective public safety response and often can prevent an incident from worsening prior to the arrival of field responders; and

**WHEREAS**, with the advent of Next Generation 911, Public Safety Telecommunications Officers are now subjected to graphic photographs, audio and live video streaming from scenes of emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunications Officers, while not physically on the scene, answer traumatic calls, handle radio incidents and communicate with people in states of distress, fear or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, First Responder means a public safety employee whose duties include responding rapidly to an emergency or accident to provide assistance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Newberry County acknowledges Public Safety Telecommunications Officers are designated as First Responders in Newberry County, South Carolina and shall be recognized as such in county policy and procedural considerations regarding First Responders.

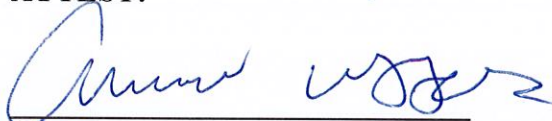
**ADOPTED**, by Newberry County Council in meeting duly assembled this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024, at which a quorum was present and voting.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

(SEAL)

  
**Todd Johnson, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**



**Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council  
Newberry, South Carolina**