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### Emergency Communication Center

On August 24th, my colleagues and I attended the ribbon cutting for the New Emergency Communication Center for the Tulare County Sheriff's Office and Fire Department. This project has been a long time coming and we at the Board of Supervisors are very pleased with the work that has been done to ensure that this development came to fruition.

Just for some perspective, our Tulare County Sheriff's Office dispatches close to 250,000 emergency calls for service annually and our Tulare County Fire department dispatches approximately 20,000 emergency calls for service. The more than a quarter million emergency calls a year demanded the implementation of a new facility to bring our sheriff and fire departments dispatch staff and leadership together under one roof for the first time.

Previously, the sheriff's dispatch staff operated in the basement of the main jail and the fire's dispatch staff worked out of a single wide trailer near the back of Mooney Grove Park. Both dispatch centers were inadequate to receive new upgrades and struggled with recurrent system outages.

The new combined fire and sheriff communication center provides state-of-the-art equipment for our emergency service dispatchers. The new facility is nearly 4000 square feet with eleven fully integrated workstations, 10 state-of-the-art radio consoles, 26 new precision 7820 tower workstations, and 70 new high-resolution monitors.

We at the Board of Supervisors would like to thank everyone who played their part in putting together this new communication center and I would like to wish everyone a safe October.

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