



Jefferson County Commission  
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## **Jefferson County Schools and County Commission Partner to Launch Public Safety Dispatcher Training Program**

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CHARLES TOWN, WV (February 10, 2025) – Jefferson County Schools and the Jefferson County Commission are launching a Public Safety Dispatcher Career Training Program to provide high school seniors with the certifications and training needed to become public safety dispatchers. After completing the program, graduating seniors will be certified and eligible for careers in emergency communications, with positions starting at over \$50,000 per year.

"This is an incredible opportunity to train the next generation of public safety dispatchers—students who will provide critical assistance to their community when it needs them most," said Kathryn King, Emergency Communication Training Coordinator. Interested juniors should reach out to their school counselors to apply for the program.

Commissioner Mike Mood praised the initiative, stating, "The Emergency Communications Department continues to lead with innovative solutions to workforce recruitment, and this program is a great example of how we can develop homegrown talent. Career and Technical Education is evolving to meet the needs of this generation, and this partnership ensures that students have real opportunities for success in essential public service roles."

The County Commission is also actively recruiting Public Safety Dispatchers, and adults interested in training for these positions should visit here:

<https://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/county-government/departments/job-postings>

### **Open House – February 17, 2025**

Students, families, and community members are invited to an Open House at the Jefferson County Emergency Communications Center to learn more about the program. Attendees can tour the 911 center, meet dispatchers, see demonstrations of NextGen 911 and CAD technology, and explore this exciting new career pathway.



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📍 Jefferson County Emergency Communications Center

📅 February 17, 2025

🕒 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

📍 28 Industrial Blvd, Suite 100, Kearneysville, WV

Please call the Commission Office with questions (304) 728-3284.

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