

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	12/07/04
Hearing:	01/04/05
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2004-19-32**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A FULL-TIME PUBLIC SAFETY  
DISPATCHER POSITION FOR THE SOLDOTNA COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

- WHEREAS,** KPB 2.60.010 authorizes the mayor to establish an emergency communication system throughout the borough outside of the cities and to provide a 911-type communications system and to provide dispatch services both directly or through agreements; and
- WHEREAS,** the Soldotna Dispatch Center handled 14,458 911 calls in 2003, 2,321 fire and EMS runs, and 25,709 law enforcement calls for service; and
- WHEREAS,** since January 2004, the Soldotna Communications Center has experienced, a 4 percent monthly average increase in 911 calls, and 14 percent average monthly increase in law enforcement calls for service; and
- WHEREAS,** Resolution 2004-031 adopted the Recommendations Section of Public Safety Communications Strategic Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** Task 5.1 of the Recommendations Section requires that staffing levels should provide for a minimum of two persons to be on duty at all times; and
- WHEREAS,** the authorized staffing levels at the Soldotna Dispatch Center do not permit this level of staffing coverage; and
- WHEREAS,** the increased workload negatively impacts public safety of all Borough residents, by reducing responsiveness to callers requesting emergency assistance, and delaying the dispatch of the appropriate public safety agencies to the emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety has authorized the transfer of two Radio Dispatcher positions from the recently vacated Anchorage Dispatch Center to the Soldotna Communications Center; and
- WHEREAS,** a Public Safety Dispatcher position will help relieve communications center staff of the additional workload caused by an increase in emergency calls for service while improving Borough-wide public safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

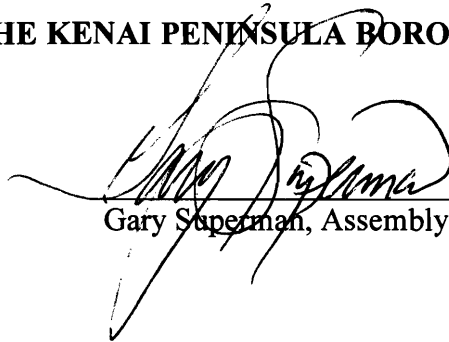
**SECTION 1.** That the position of Public Safety Dispatcher – Emergency Communications, Range K, full-time, is established in the Emergency Communications division of the Office of Emergency Management.

**SECTION 2.** That the following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the Office of Emergency Management – Emergency Communications Division:

\$16,500 (Personal Services) Account No. 100.11255.40110

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2005.**

  
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Gary Superman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

