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EMERGENCY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOVEMBER 18, 2011 MEETING

Committee to Focus on Matters Pertaining to Next Generation 911 Access for Persons with Disabilities

On December 7, 2010, Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the establishment and appointment of members and Co-Chairpersons of the Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC), an advisory committee required by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).²

The next meeting of the EAAC will be held at the Commission headquarters, 445 12th St., SW., Commission Meeting Room, Washington, D.C. on Friday, November 18, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST). All meetings are open to the public. It is expected that the November meeting will approve final draft language for recommendations to the Commission as required in the CVAA.

EAAC MISSION

The purpose of the EAAC is to determine the most effective and efficient technologies and methods by which to enable access to Next Generation 911 emergency services by individuals with disabilities. In order to fulfill this mission, the CVAA directs that within one year after the EAAC's members are appointed, the Committee shall conduct a national survey, with the input of groups represented by the Committee's membership, after which the Committee shall develop and submit to the Commission recommendations to implement such technologies and methods. The EAAC survey has been completed and the EAAC is now considering recommendations based on the survey results. Under the CVAA, those recommendations are due to the Commission by December 7, 2011.

The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. In your request, include a description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to: fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

¹ Emergency Access Advisory Committee Announcement of Members and Co-Chairpersons, Public Notice, DA 10-2318 (CGB rel. Dec. 7, 2010).

² Pub. L. No. 111-260.

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