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EMERGENCY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2012 MEETING

Committee Focusing on Matters Pertaining to Next Generation 9-1-1 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),¹ 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, DC, on Friday, September 14, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST). All meetings are open to the public.

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 (NG 9-1-1) emergency services by individuals with disabilities,³ and to make recommendations to the Commission on how to achieve those effective and efficient technologies and methods.⁴ During the spring of 2011, the EAAC conducted a nationwide survey of individuals with disabilities and released a report on that survey on June 21, 2011.⁵ Following release of the survey report, the EAAC developed recommendations, which it submitted to the Commission on December 7, 2011, as required by the CVAA.⁶

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, as amended by technical amendments contained in Pub. L. 111-265.

³ Pub. L. No. 111-260 § 106(a).

⁴ Pub. L. No. 111-260 § 106(c).

⁵ The *EAAC Report on Emergency Calling for Persons with Disabilities; Survey Review and Analysis 2011* is available at <http://transition.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/EAAC/EAAC-REPORT.pdf>.

⁶ See the *EAAC Report and Recommendations* at: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-312161A1.doc

At the September 2012 EAAC meeting, the seven subcommittees of the EAAC will present reports and consider activities for 2012. The seven subcommittees cover:

- ▶ Text-to-911 Solutions Interim to NG911
- ▶ Interoperability Testing
- ▶ PSAP Sign Language and other Communications Assistance
- ▶ Detailed Report Sections from 2011
- ▶ Gaps in NENA i3 compared to EAAC Recommendations
- ▶ TTY Transition/Roadmap
- ▶ Timeline Alignment For Phasing into NG911 PSAPs

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