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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP ON UPCOMING TEST BED TO IMPROVE INDOOR LOCATION ACCURACY FOR WIRELESS 911 CALLS

Consumers are increasingly relying exclusively on mobile wireless communications, and many wireless calls are now made indoors. Nevertheless, during an emergency, wireless carriers are oftentimes unable to provide a 911 call center with precise location information when the 911 call is placed indoors.

Recognizing this critical public safety concern, the FCC tasked the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) with evaluating the performance and viability of location technologies in their ability to support indoor environments for E911 services.¹ To meet this objective, various members of the CSRIC will conduct testing to evaluate location technologies for improving indoor E911 services.

The FCC's Public Safety Homeland Security Bureau will host a workshop that will focus on the upcoming CSRIC test bed and issues related to improving indoor location accuracy. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, located at 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554.

A finalized agenda and list of panelists will be released closer to the event date.

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¹ Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council III Working Group Descriptions and Leadership (Aug. 1, 2012) at 3, available at <http://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/advisory/csric3/wg-descriptions.pdf> (last visited Sept. 17, 2012).