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## EMERGENCY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEBRUARY 10, 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), an advisory committee required by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).<sup>2</sup>

The next meeting of the EAAC will be held at the Commission headquarters, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW., Commission Meeting Room, Washington, D.C. on Friday, February 10, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST). All meetings are open to the public. It is expected that the February meeting will review achievements from 2011 and consider plans for activities for 2012.

## **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. In 2011, the EAAC conducted a nationwide survey of individuals with disabilities, prepared a report on that survey, and developed recommendations for achieving equal access to emergency services by individuals with disabilities as part of our nation's migration to a national Internet protocol-enabled emergency network, also known as the NG 9-1-1. The EAAC recommendations were submitted to the FCC, in compliance with statutory mandate, 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: <a href="fcc504@fcc.gov">fcc504@fcc.gov</a> or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Emergency Access Advisory Committee Announcement of Members and Co-Chairpersons, Public Notice, DA 10-2318 (CGB rel. Dec. 7, 2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pub. L. No. 111-260; Pub. L. 111-265 (technical amendments).

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