**DA No. 14-1291**

**September 5, 2014**

**FCC ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF A DOCKET FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MOBILE DEVICE THEFT PREVENTION AND CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MOBILE DEVICE THEFT PREVENTION WORKING GROUP**

**ET Docket No. 14-143**

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Office of Engineering Technology (OET), and Consumer & Governmental Affairs and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus (CGB and WTB, respectively) announce today the establishment of a new docket relating to the Technological Advisory Council (TAC) Working Group on Mobile Device Theft Prevention (MDTP). The new docket will allow industry and consumers to share information to supplement the efforts of the working group. The Mission Statement of the Working Group on MDTP is included in this docket and attached to this Public Notice.

Specifically, the FCC seeks comment and input from the public on proposals, efforts, and materials that will aid the TAC MDTP Working Group in accomplishing the goals and objectives of the Mission Statement and better serve the needs of consumers.

* Comments and other input may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
* Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and three copies of each filing.
* Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.
* All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
* Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
* U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.
* All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Robert Weller, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, Room 7-A140, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or by e-mail to [Robert.Weller@fcc.gov](file:///D:\Users\Charles.Mathias\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Libraries\My%20Documents\WTB%20CURRENT\Stolen%20Phones\TAC%20Issues\Robert.Weller@fcc.gov).

**WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

The FCC also announces today changes in the membership of the TAC Working Group on MDTP.[[1]](#footnote-1) The Commission originally announced the members of the working group July 24, 2014, and this notice supplements that announcement to reflect those changes.[[2]](#footnote-2)

New Member:

* Ron Schneirson, Manager, Device Delivery, Sprint

Membership Changes:

* Ayal Yogev, Senior Product Manager-Partner and Irene Liu, Associate General Counsel (alternate), Lookout, (replacing Deepti Rohatgi)
* Ben Katz, CTO and EVP Operations, Gazelle, Inc. (replacing Matt Rowe)

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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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TAC Mobile Device Theft Prevention Mission Statement

The TAC Mobile Device Theft Prevention Working Group, to fulfill its charge of exploring the problem of mobile device theft and developing industry-wide recommendations for the FCC to deter and mitigate mobile device theft, should (1) define key terms that are central to this matter; (2) develop best practices for consumer engagement and education; (3) explore stakeholder coordination and data sharing; (4) ensure appropriate considerations of cybersecurity concerns; (5) identify gaps with existing solutions; (6) analyze the potential necessity and value of new technical and operational solutions to deter thefts and enable the recovery of stolen devices; and (7) identify standards organizations and industry fora to implement solutions. The Working Group has the opportunity to bring together diverse perspectives to analyze the problem and provide recommendations that address the unique scale of mobile device theft.

1. On June 24, 2014, the Commission released a Public Notice seeking nominations and expressions of interest for membership on the working group. *See* Technological Advisory Council Seeks Members for Mobile Device Theft Prevention Working Group, *Public Notice*, DA 14-875, rel. June 24, 2014. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Chairman Wheeler Announces Stolen Mobile Device Working Group Membership, *Public Notice*, DA 14-1053, rel. July 24, 2014. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)