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## FCC ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE ON OPTIMAL PSAP ARCHITECTURE

This Public Notice serves as notice that, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA),<sup>1</sup> Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) Chairman Thomas Wheeler has appointed members to the Task Force on Optimal Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Architecture (TFOPA or Task Force).<sup>2</sup> The members represent a diverse and balanced mix of viewpoints from state, tribal and/or local government agencies and organizations; Federal government agencies; communications service providers and organizations representing them; 911/NG911 system service providers; public interest organizations; and other experts. An initial list of Task Force members is attached to this Public Notice.<sup>3</sup> The first meeting of the Task Force is tentatively scheduled to take place on January 26, 2015.<sup>4</sup>

On December 2, 2014, pursuant to the FACA, the Commission established the Task Force charter for a period of two years, through December 2, 2016. The Task Force is directed to study and report findings and recommendations on PSAP structure and architecture in order to determine whether additional consolidation of PSAP infrastructure and architecture improvements would promote greater efficiency of operations, safety of life, and cost containment, while retaining needed integration with local first responder dispatch and support. Under its charter, Task Force duties may include studying and reporting on:

- Optimal PSAP system and network configuration in terms of emergency communications efficiency, performance, and operations functionality;

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

<sup>2</sup> On October 10, 2014, the Commission released a Public Notice seeking nominations and expressions of interest for membership on the Task Force. *See* FCC Seeks Nominations by November 7, 2014 For Membership on New Task Force on Optimal Public Safety Answering Point Architecture, *Public Notice*, DA 14-1481, rel. Oct. 10, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Additional Task Force members may be designated and will be announced by future public notice.

<sup>4</sup> The Commission will formally announce the Council's first meeting in the Federal Register and in a separate Public Notice.

- Cost projections for conversion to and annual operation of PSAPs that incorporate such optimal system design;
- Comparative cost projections for annual maintenance of all existing PSAPs annually and upgrading them to NG911;
- Recommendations on ways to ensure states use E911 funds for their intended purpose;
- Whether states that divert E911 funds should be ineligible to participate on various FCC councils, committees, and working groups.

As authorized under the FACA, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau anticipates creating sub-task groups to focus on recommendations in specific functional areas, including (but not limited to) optimal PSAP network security risk management and defense practices; identifying appropriate cost recovery and funding mechanisms that will facilitate PSAP transitions to IP-enabled architecture; improving 911 functionality and cost-effectiveness through consolidated network architecture design and operation; consideration of FCC and state/local roles in the oversight of NG911-enabled PSAPs; and projected long-term public benefits from post-transition PSAPs.

For further information about the Task Force, contact Tim May in the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau at (202) 418-1463 or [Timothy.May@fcc.gov](mailto:Timothy.May@fcc.gov).

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**TASK FORCE ON  
OPTIMAL PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT ARCHITECTURE  
December 31, 2014**

**Members:**

- Bernard Aboba – Microsoft
- Bradley Blanken - Competitive Carriers Association
- Mary Boyd – Intrado
- Tom Breen - AT&T
- Robert Brown - National Public Safety Telecommunications Council
- Alicia Burns - Frontier Communications
- Mario DeRango – Motorola
- Lt. Tracy L. Felty - Saline County, Illinois
- Laurie Flaherty - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Mark Fletcher – Avaya
- James Goerke - Texas 911 Alliance
- Jeanna Green – Sprint
- Larry Hatch - Oregon APCO/NENA
- Joseph Heaps - National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice
- David Holl - National Association of State 911 Administrators (State of PA)
- Michael Kennedy - Office of the Director of National Intelligence
- Rebecca Ladew - Speech Communications Assistance by Telephone
- Chris Littlewood - Center for Public Safety Innovation
- Anthony Montani – Verizon
- Mehrdad Negahban – beamSmart, Inc.
- Sean Petty - Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies (iCERT)
- Richard Ray - National Association for the Deaf
- Steve Souder - Department of Public Safety Communications, Fairfax County, VA
- Brian Tagaban - The Navajo Nation
- Jeff Wittek - Airbus Defense and Space (Cassidian Communications)