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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES REGION 20 (DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA) REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEES TO HOLD 700 MHZ AND 800 MHZ MEETINGS

## General Docket No. 90-7 and WT Docket 02-378

The Region 20 (District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia)<sup>1</sup> 700 MHz and 800 MHz Regional Planning Committees (RPCs) will hold two consecutive general membership meetings on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the Region 20 700 MHz RPC will convene at the Prince George's County Public Safety Communications Center, 17321 Melford Drive, Bowie, MD.

The agenda for the 700 MHz RPC meeting includes:

- Call to order and welcome
- Informational Presentations for the Region
  - Public safety communications updates in Northern Virginia and related matters in the Commonwealth, Captain Lee Miller, Virginia State Police
  - Update on Maryland FiRST development and SWIC updates, Major Ken Hasenei, Maryland State Police
  - Public safety communications issues in the District of Columbia with a focus on matters related to encryption Mr. Teddy Kavaleri
  - State of Maryland Radio Control Board Mr. Norman Farley, DoIT Director of Statewide Interoperable Communications
- Old Business
  - Approval of Minutes May 20, 2015 meeting
  - Updates on new local government systems and WMATA operating in 700 MHz
- New Business
  - 700 MHz spectrum requests for consideration and approval
  - Election of officers for the 2016-2018 term
  - Requests for concurrence(s) from adjoining Regional Planning Committees
- Other
- Adjourn

Following the 700 MHz RPC meeting (and a short break), the 800 MHz RPC meeting will convene at the same location.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Region 20 regional planning area includes the District of Columbia, the entire state of Maryland, and the following jurisdictions in Northern Virginia: Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford Counties; and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park Cities.

The agenda for the 800 MHz RPC meeting includes:

- Approval of Minutes May 20, 2015 meeting
- Old business
  - Updates on 800 MHz systems migrating to P25 technology
- New Business
  - Requests for 800 MHz spectrum and any modifications of previously approved spectrum allotments
  - Requests for concurrence(s) from adjoining Regional Planning Committees
  - Election of officers for the 2016-2018 term
- New Business
  - 700 MHz spectrum requests for consideration and approval.
  - Election of officers for the 2016-2018 term
  - Requests for concurrence(s) from adjoining Regional Planning Committees
- Other
- Adjourn

Both Region 20 700 MHz and 800 MHz RPC meetings are open to the public. All eligible public safety providers in Region 20 may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that eligible public safety agencies in all areas of government, including state, municipality, county, and Native American Tribal be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands within Region 20 should plan to attend. For further information, please contact:

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