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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP TO IDENTIFY CRITICAL INFORMATION NEEDS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS DURING DISASTERS

On Friday, April 13th, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC or Commission) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) will host a public workshop to identify communications information needs of government and consumers to improve preparation and response efforts during crises. Informed by input to a Bureau Public Notice seeking comment on the response to the 2017 Hurricane Season,¹ this workshop is intended to ensure the Commission is collecting the critical information necessary to best support the preparedness and response activities of stakeholders to facilitate the availability and reliability of communications during emergencies, disasters, and significant events.

The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554. Advance registration is not required. Audio/video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. The FCC's webcast is free to the public. A detailed agenda will be announced by a subsequent public notice and posted on the web page.

In addition to open captioning, reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information about the workshop, please contact Justin Cain, Deputy Chief of the Operations and Emergency Management Division of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau at (202) 418-2924 or <mailto:Justin.Cain@fcc.gov>.

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¹ *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment on Response Efforts Undertaken During 2017 Hurricane Season*, Public Notice, PS Docket No. 17-344, 32 FCC Rcd 10245 (PSHSB 2017).