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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. 93-82 and WT Docket 02-378

The Region 20 (District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia)¹ 700 MHz and 800 MHz Regional Planning Committees (RPCs) will hold two consecutive meetings on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the Prince George's County Public Safety Communications Center located at 17321 Melford Boulevard, Bowie, Maryland. The 800 MHz RPC meeting will convene immediately following the 700 MHz meeting, at the same location.

The agenda for the both meetings include:

- Call to order and welcome
- Review and approval of August 23, 2017 meeting minutes
- Chairman's Remarks on issues of importance in Region 20
 - National Regional Planning Council
 - CAPRAD, and CAPRADAP
 - 4.9 GHz and other FCC issues of the day
 - Availability of 700 and 800 MHz (NPSPAC) spectrum
 - Continuing challenges with 800 MHz Interoperability Channels
 - Need to move to semi-annual meetings
- ADTI Planning Software – David Stern, Region 28 Technical Committee Chair
- Action on pending applications for 700 and 800 MHz spectrum.
- FirstNet Update– Lori Stone (FirstNet) and Keli Page, (AT&T/FirstNet). The First Responder Network Authority and its partner, AT&T, will give an update on the progress of building out and deploying the First Responder Network Authority.
- Dusty Rhoads (DHS); DHS OEC will share a recent study on the ongoing transition from a LMR/voice centric public safety environment to an LTE/more data centric environment; and the implications for Public Safety.
- BREAK (10 Minutes)
- Maryland FiRST update and local government interoperability opportunities with the statewide 700 MHz system – Norm Farley
- New LMR system updates in Region 20
- ISSI use in the National Capital Region – Mike Newburn, Fairfax County/NCR

¹ 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.

- Panel Discussion on issues regarding Deployable Trunking Channels
- New Business
 - Election of Officers for the 2018-2020 term
- Other Business
- Use of drones in public safety followed by outside demonstration flight (weather permitting)
 - Captain Ben Worcester, Stafford County Sheriff's Department
- 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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