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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]](#footnote-2) 700 MHz and 800 MHz Regional Planning Committees (RPCs) will hold two consecutive meetings on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Prince George’s County Public Safety Communications Center located at 17321 Melford Boulevard, Bowie, Maryland, the 700 MHz RPC will convene. The 800 MHz RPC meeting will convene immediately following the 700 MHz meeting, at the same location.

The agenda for both meetings include:

* Call to order and welcome
* Review and approval of August 22, 2018 meeting minutes
* Chairman’s remarks on issues of importance in Region 20
* Old Business
* Speaker presentations
	+ Lori Stone – First Net updates
	+ Ray Lehr – Internet of Things (“IoT”)
	+ Rich Berg – EMS Communications with Maryland helicopters
* BREAK
* Discussion Topics
	+ ATDI software – Seth Rhoads
	+ 700 MHz Deployable Trunking – Brandon Renehan, Tom Provenza, Mike Baltrotsky
	+ Template standardization – Charley Bryson
* Spectrum Applications
	+ Maryland FiRST – Norm Farley
	+ Any emergency actions
* Other Business
* Adjourn – Next Meeting (tentative date): September 25, 2019

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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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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)