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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, September 25, 2019. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the 700 MHz RPC will convene at the Prince George’s County Public Safety Communications Center located at 17321 Melford Boulevard, Bowie, MD. 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 March 27, 2019 meeting minutes
* Chairman’s remarks on issues of importance in Region 20 and Spectrum actions by the Technical Committee through delegated authority
* Old Business
* Presentations and Discussion Topics
	+ First Net updates
	+ NCR ISSI Update
	+ Deployable Trunking Update
	+ Establishment of New 700 MHz RINS channels for regionwide use (will require a vote to amend the Region 20 Plan for 700 MHz)
	+ Standardized Region 20 radio template for interoperability frequencies (will require a vote to amend the Region 20 Plan for 700 MHz)
	+ Internet of Things
* BREAK
* Vendor Presentations – Road to integrating LMR and LTE subscriber devices
	+ Vendors have been advised that their presentations will be in an open forum as FCC rules prohibit RPCs from closed sessions where interested parties are excluded
* Other Business
* Adjourn – Next Meeting (tentative date): March 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)