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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**

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###  The Region 20 Public Safety Regional Planning Committees (RPCs) will hold two consecutive (in-person) planning meetings on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the 700 MHz RPC will convene at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland (subject to the anticipated termination of COVID restrictions pertaining to public gatherings). The 800 MHz RPC meeting will convene immediately following the 700 MHz meeting at the same location.

The agenda for the meetings include:

* Call to order and welcome to all guests
* Approval of September 22, 2021 meeting minutes
* Chairman’s Remarks on issues of importance in Region 20
* Frequency coordination issues
* Region 20 interoperability code plug and cooperation with DHS, TIA, NPSTC, and NRPC for operability with L3Harris and Motorola Solutions deployable systems
* 4.9 GHz update and importance of FCC licensing stations
* Old business
* New 700/800 MHz system updates
* New business
* Updates from Statewide Interoperability Coordinators
* New spectrum requests
* Discussion topics
* Panel - Planning for events requiring multi-jurisdictional wide area coverage and interoperability
* Chaired by Chief Baltrotsky with panel participants – Jack Markey, Mike Zingaro, and Mike Phillips
* Electronic threats to public safety communications systems – Department of Homeland Security - Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Jason Schaum
* National Capital Region ISSI Project Update – Charles Locke
* Deployable Trunking discussion – followed by practical demonstration with L3Harris and Motorola Solutions systems – Mike Baltrotsky, Tom Provenza (Motorola deployable system), and Jim Junkins (guest from Region 42 with a L3Harris deployable system)
* Other new business and items for the good of the order
* Adjournment

 Both Region 20 Public Safety 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 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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