



CHAIRMAN

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D.C.

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Superintendent Melvin Carraway  
Indiana State Police Department  
Indiana Government Center North  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Superintendent Carraway:

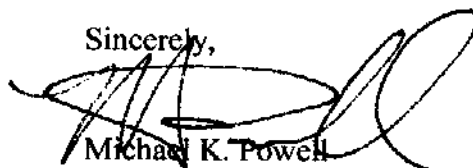
Wireless E911 deployment is a national priority and a central responsibility of the Federal Communications Commission. Successful deployment requires the cooperation and coordination of wireless carriers, wireline providers, manufacturers, the public safety community, and the federal, state, and local government. The FCC recognizes that the interdependency of our efforts to deploy E911 requires that all of us work together to make E911 work for the American people. To further this cooperation, I am writing to invite you to join us at the FCC's wireless enhanced 911 (E911) Coordination Initiative on October 29 and 30, 2003 at our headquarters in Washington D.C. As your Governors' designee on E911 deployment issues, we look forward to working with you to facilitate the expeditious deployment of E911 throughout your state. I hope you will be able to join us in October for a productive dialogue to identify funding and implementation solutions.

The two-day Initiative will cover the legal, regulatory, technical and financial issues, among others, that arise in the implementation of E911. The afternoon of the 29<sup>th</sup> is specifically set aside for an interactive dialogue with the FCC, governors' designees, and representatives of other federal agencies to address current state and federal issues affecting E911 deployment. On the second day, panel discussions will address public education issues, remaining impediments to deployment, and future challenges of E911.

As you may know, under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (911 Act), the FCC encourages and supports the States in developing comprehensive emergency communications systems so that all jurisdictions offer seamless networks for prompt emergency service. Towards that end, the Commission works with the governors of each state to identify central points of contact to coordinate wireless E911 funding and implementation issues. The E911 Coordination Initiative session will facilitate that dialogue through interactive discussion to identify solutions for expeditious E911 deployment. We are pleased to be working with the National Governors' Association to put this program together.

The Commission recognizes and commends the tremendous efforts already put forth by the States and localities to develop "state of the art" emergency response systems. As your Governor's designee for E911 issues, I hope you will be able to join us at the October E911 Coordination Initiative and look forward to working with you to build on your success and further achieve the goals of the 911 Act. We will follow-up with you in the next two weeks to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Sue McNeil with the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-7619 or [sue.mcneil@fcc.gov](mailto:sue.mcneil@fcc.gov) if you have any specific comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Powell", written over a horizontal line.

Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission

cc: Office of the Governor