

Talking Points for Commissioner Martin
Satellite Rural Forum
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- Good morning, and thank you all for coming today.
- I know the snow and icy roads may have made for difficult traveling, so we really appreciate you coming here today to talk about these issues that are crucial to rural America.
- Having grown up on a dirt road in rural North Carolina, I know first-hand how important it is that rural America have access to all communications services.
- I know the last panel discussed how satellites are helping with distance learning and telemedicine in rural America.
- Now, in this session, the panelists will be turning to important public safety and homeland security applications that rely on satellites to provide those services.
- Among other applications, we will hear about:
 - Voice and data systems
 - radio systems to provide emergency communications to rural hospitals
 - use of communications systems by tribal law enforcement authorities
 - search and rescue systems
 - disaster communications
 - satellite imaging of wildfires, hurricanes, and transportation of hazardous materials
- We will hear from four different presenters on this panel.
- Each of their companies provide a variety of methods that increase safety and security in isolated rural areas where both wireless terrestrial and wireline services are unavailable or are limited by terrain or by the sparse populations in those areas.

- The first presenter is Carson Agnew, President and Chief Operating Officer - Mobile Satellite Ventures
 - Carson will be talking about different types of safety services
- Next is Andy Radlow, Director of Sales and Marketing, U.S. and Caribbean, Globalstar Corp.
 - Andy will be talking about Globalstar's satellite phone service.
- Next is John Schrodeder, Director of Sales for Homeland Security - Iridium Satellite
 - John will be talking about Iridium's satellite phone service
- Lastly we have Gary Atkins, Vice President, Federal and National Security Programs - ORBIMAGE, Inc.
 - Gary will be talking about satellite imagery
- Again, I'd like to thank you all for coming out today and providing us with some insight into these very important public safety and homeland security issues.