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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO HOST FIRST RESPONDERS SUMMIT, APRIL 20, 2007

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) today announced that the bureau will host the *First Responders Summit: Interoperable and Reliable Public Safety Communications* on Friday, April 20, 2007, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M, in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

The summit will include expert panel discussions led by representatives from the public safety community, the communications industry and government. In addition, the summit will close with an open roundtable forum for participants to raise key issues related to emergency preparedness and response.

The agenda will include three expert panel discussions:

Panel One: Government agencies and public safety initiatives;

Panel Two: Transition from Legacy to Future Architectures - Integration of Current

Systems into IP-based Networks, Radio Bridging; and

Panel Three: Beyond Voice - Broadband Applications for First Responders.

An official summit agenda will be released by the PSHSB. The summit will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. A live audiocast will be available at www.fcc.gov. Those individuals who are interested in attending the summit may pre-register by contacting Sue Gilgenbach at (202) 418-0639 or by e-mail: sue.gilgenbach@fcc.gov.

Sign language interpreters and open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: For reasonable accommodations: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Leon Jackler, Director of Public Safety Outreach and Coordination for PSHSB at (202) 418-0946 or by e-mail: leon.jackler@fcc.gov. Press inquiries should be directed to Robert Kenny.