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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR FIRST RESPONDERS SUMMIT, APRIL 20, 2007

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) today announced the agenda for the *First Responders Summit: Focus on 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 panels composed of representatives from the public safety community, government, and the communications industry. In addition, the Summit will close with a roundtable discussion on key issues related to emergency preparedness and response.

The agenda will include three expert panel discussions:

Panel One: Federal Government Programs and Initiatives for Public Safety

Panel Two: Disaster Communications Planning for First Responders

Panel Three: New Technologies and Applications in Emergency Communications

The Summit is open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. A live audiocast will be available at www.fcc.gov on a first come, first serve basis (maximum of 200 listeners at any one time).

Sign language interpreters and open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for persons 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: 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

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AGENDA

First Responders Summit: Focus on Public Safety Communications

Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305) Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554

Friday April 20, 2007

9:00 a.m. — **Welcome**

Derek Poarch, Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, FCC

9:10 a.m. — **Opening Remarks**

9:35 a.m. — Panel One – Federal Government Programs and Initiatives for Public Safety

Moderator: Lisa Fowlkes, Deputy Bureau Chief, PSHSB

Panelists:

- Meredith A. Baker, Deputy Assistant Secretary, NTIA, Department of Commerce
- **Tony Cira**, Chief Information Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security
- Michael E. Dame, Assistant Director for Grants Administration, Department of Justice
- Chris Lewis, Program Manager, Public Safety Communications, Office of the CIO, Department of the Interior
- **Jim Rizzo**, Command Operations Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Northern Command, Department of Defense

11:00 a.m. — Break

11:15 a.m. — Panel Two – Disaster Communications Planning for First Responders

Moderator: William D. Lane, Ph.D., Chief Engineer, PSHSB

Panelists:

- **David Cavossa**, Executive Director, Satellite Industry Association
- Victor Cullars, Public Safety Communications Consultant, State of Florida

- David Jordan, Chief Information Security Officer, Arlington County, VA
- John W. Johnson, Radio System Analyst, Tennessee Emergency Management Office
- Chief Charles Werner, Charlottesville Fire Department, VA

12:30 p.m.—**Lunch**

1:40 p.m. — Panel Three – New Technologies and Applications in Emergency Communications

Moderator: Kenneth P. Moran, Deputy Bureau Chief, PSHSB

Panelists:

- Michael Anderson, Chairman, Part-15.org
- Scott Feinberg, Public Safety Manager, Tandberg Systems
- **Terry Hall**, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. (APCO), Communications Manager, Fire and Life Safety, York County, VA
- **Jenny Hansen**, Project Coordinator Next Generation 9-1-1, U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration
- **Dennis Martinez**, Vice President of Technology, M/A-Com
- **Richard N. Taylor**, Wireless 911 Board Administrator, Office of Information Technology Services, NC

2:55 p.m. — Break

3:10 p.m. — Public Safety Communications Roundtable

Moderator: Dana Shaffer, Deputy Bureau Chief, PSHSB

Panelists:

- Captain Rick Adams, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Mary Brown, Senior Telecommunications Policy Counsel, CISCO Systems
- Chief Keith Hutcheson, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Department, Idaho
- Steven Jones, Executive Director, First Response Coalition, Washington DC
- Wanda McCarley, President, APCO
- **Jim Mollohan**, Wireless Product Manager, Georgia Technology Authority

3:50 p.m. — Closing Remarks

• Chief Derek Poarch

4:00 p.m. – **Summit Concludes**