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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO HOST SUMMIT ON CURRENT STATE OF NATION'S EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM AND WHAT IS NEEDED TO TRANSITION TO MORE ROBUST ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM**

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) today announced that it will host a Summit on the nation's Emergency Alert System (EAS): *Promoting an Effective Emergency Alert System on the Road to a Next Generation EAS*, on Monday, May 19, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

In line with the Commission's 2007 Second Report and Order on EAS that was released last July, the Summit discussions will focus on the current state of the nation's EAS and what is needed to transition to a more robust, Next Generation alert and warning system to help ensure that all citizens receive accurate and timely information during emergencies. The Commission will release additional information and an agenda in the near future.

The Summit will be open to the public; admittance however will be limited to the seating available. Those individuals who are interested in attending the summit may pre-register on-line at: <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/summits/eas>. Those who pre-registered will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Sue Gilgenbach at 202-418-0639 regarding pre-registration. The deadline for pre-registration is Thursday, May 15, 2008. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at [www.fcc.gov/realaudio](http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio). The FCC's web cast is free to the public and does not require pre-registration.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please, include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such request must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Requests should be made as early as possible. Please send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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