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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SUMMIT ON DEPLOYMENT AND OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR NEXT GENERATION IP-ENABLED 911 AND E911 SERVICES

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission’s Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) today announced that it will host a Summit on Deployment and Operational Guidelines for Next Generation IP-Enabled 911 and Enhanced 911 (E911) Services, to be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

The New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008 (NET 911 Act) requires that the Commission work with public safety organizations, industry participants, and others to promote consistency in the deployment and operation of IP-enabled 911 and E911 services through development of standards concerning geographic coverage areas for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs); PSAP certification and testing requirements; network diversity requirements for delivery of IP-enabled 911 and enhanced 911 calls; call-handling in the event of call overflow or network outages; validation procedures for processing location information; and the format for delivering address information to PSAPs.

The Summit will bring together public safety organizations, industry representatives, and others to address these matters, and will serve to build upon the Bureau’s February 2008 summit entitled “911 Call Center Operations and Next Generation Technologies.” Additional details and a full agenda will be made public 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/summit-registration.html> . Those who pre-register will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Stephanie Cacomo at 202-418-1812 regarding pre-registration. The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, February 23, 2009. 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 . The FCC’s web cast is free to the public and does not require pre-registration.

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