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FCC ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR NOV. 12 FIELD HEARING ON BROADBAND'S ROLE IN IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Event to be Hosted in Conjunction with Georgetown University Medical Center

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission today announced the agenda for its upcoming broadband field hearing to be hosted in conjunction with Georgetown University Medical Center on *The Role of Broadband in Improving Public Safety Communications and Emergency Response*.

The hearing will focus on the specific broadband requirements for America's first responders and emergency medical personnel, as well as the use of particular technologies and applications to maximize use of broadband, the cost of implementing such communications technologies, and how the National Broadband Plan now being developed by the Commission can help bring attention to, and address, these critical public safety issues.

The full agenda is below.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 pm

LOCATION: Georgetown University, Leavey Center, 3800 Reservoir Rd. NW, Washington, D.C. 20057

ONLINE: <http://www.fcc.gov/live/> (open captioned)

The hearing will be open to the public; admittance however will be limited to the seating available. **Pre-registration** is available online at <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/event-registration.html>. Those who pre-register will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation and contact information. Individuals may contact Stephanie Caccamo at 202-418-1812 regarding pre-registration.

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For additional information about the field hearing, please contact Susan McLean at (202) 418-7868 or by email: susan.mclean@fcc.gov.

AGENDA

Summary: The field hearing will focus on public safety entities (EMS, Fire, Police, PSAPs) to determine specific broadband requirements, including applications, needed by each discipline to facilitate the utilization of broadband technologies to promote efficient, effective response and recovery capabilities. The discussion will include the requirements of the public safety community in terms of network features, applications, architecture and other aspects of the network including costs of implementing these technologies and the role of the National Broadband Plan in addressing these needs.

9:00 AM-9:15 AM—Welcome: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

9:15 AM-9:30 AM—Welcome: Howard Federoff, M.D., Ph.D., Executive Vice President, Georgetown University Medical Center

9:30 AM-9:45 AM— Keynote—Undersecretary Rand Beers, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security

9:45 AM-10:45 AM—Panel 1—Emergency Medical Services (EMS) (Moderator: Jennifer Manner, Deputy Bureau Chief, PSHSB) How are broadband technologies and applications being utilized in the medical services arena and what future uses are needed or are being considered for use in the medical field? What is needed to make everyday use of these technologies a reality? What are the benefits to practitioners and the public of utilizing broadband technologies and tools?

Participants:

- Bruce McFarlane, Deputy Director, Emergency Preparedness Initiative, National Organization on Disabilities
- Kevin McGinnis, MPS, EMT-P, Communications Technology Advisor, Joint National EMS Leadership Conference (National Association of State EMS Officials, National Association of EMS Physicians, National Association of EMTs, National Association of EMS Educators)
- Dr. Richard J. Katz, Chief of Cardiology and Professor of Medicine, George Washington University
- Larry Flournoy, Associate Director, Academy for Advanced Telecommunication and Learning Technology, Texas A & M University (DREAM Ambulance Project)
- Jonathan D. Linkous, Chief Executive Officer, American Telemedicine Association

Government Participants:

- Jeffery Goldthorp, Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, PSHSB
- Robert Kenny, Director of Media Relations, PSHSB
- Timothy Perrier, Director, FCC Operations Center, PSHSB

10:45 AM-10:55 AM—Break

10:55 AM-11:55 AM— Panel 2—Police & Fire (Moderator—David Furth, Deputy Bureau Chief, PSHSB) How are broadband technologies, including applications, utilized in the police and fire arenas and what future uses are needed or are being considered for use in these fields? What is needed to make everyday use of these technologies a reality? What are the benefits to practitioners and the public by utilizing broadband technologies and tools?

Participants:

- Randall Hughes, Chief, Division of Telecommunications, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bob Pavlak, Chief Engineer, Public Safety Wireless Broadband, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, Government of the District of Columbia
- Eddie Reyes, Deputy Chief, Alexandria (VA) Police Department
- Tim Riley, Chief Information Officer, Bureau Chief, Los Angeles Police Department
- Greg Schaffer, Assistant Secretary for Cyber Security and Communications, Department of Homeland Security
- Richard Tuma, Director of Emergency Preparedness, Waukesha, WI

Government Participants:

- Jeff Cohen, Senior Legal Counsel, PSHSB
- Jeffery Goldthorp, Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, PSHSB
- Tom Peters, Director, Wireless Engineering, Broadband Task Force, FCC

11:55 AM-12:10 PM—Remarks from Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker

12:10 PM-1:00 PM—Lunch

1:00 PM-1:15 PM—Remarks from Commissioner Michael J. Copps

1:15 PM-2:15 PM—Panel 3—Requirements Needed for Public Safety Mobile Wireless Network (Moderator—William Lane, Ph.D., Chief Engineer, PSHSB)

Participants:

- Bob Epsom, Senior Vice President & Chief Technology Officer, Enterprise Mobility Solutions, Motorola, Inc.
- Steve Harte, Associate Commissioner, Wireless Technologies, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, New York City
- Paul Mankiewich, Ph.D., Chief Technology Officer, Wireless Networks, Alcatel/Lucent
- Dennis Martinez, Ph.D., Vice President of Product Management and Engineering, Broadband and Cellular Products, Harris Corporation
- Charles Werner, Chief, Charlottesville (VA) Fire Department; Executive Committee Chair, SAFECOM

Government Participants:

- Behzad Ghaffari, Senior Engineer, CSAD, PSHSB
- Walter Johnston, Chief, Electromagnetic Compatibility Division/Office of Engineering and Technology
- Jon Peha, Chief Technology Officer, FCC
- Ziad Sleem Associate Division Chief – Technical Spectrum and Competition Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

2:15 PM-2:30 PM—Closing Remarks—James Arden Barnett, Jr., Chief, PSHSB

Updates about the Federal Communications Commission's development of the National Broadband Plan can be found at www.broadband.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/FCC>.

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