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EMERGENCY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RELEASES NATIONAL SURVEY TO LEARN ABOUT EMERGENCY CALLING BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Washington, DC -- The FCC today launched an on-line national survey of individuals with disabilities to determine the most effective and efficient technologies and methods by which to enable their access to emergency services. The results of the survey will inform the Advisory Committee as it develops recommendations to implement such technologies and methods in a Next Generation 9-1-1 system that will be capable of receiving emergency calls via video, text, and voice.

The survey is available online at: http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/EAAC/. The survey is provided in American English, Spanish and video clips in American Sign Language (ASL).

The Emergency Access Advisory Committee was established by FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski on December 7, 2010, in compliance with the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010.

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to $\underline{fcc504@fcc.gov}$ or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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