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**Statement from the Chiefs of the Enforcement Bureau and the**

**Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau on Enforcement Action Against**

**Hinton Telephone Company**

*Attributable to Travis LeBlanc, Acting Chief of the Enforcement Bureau:*

“911 is a fundamental cornerstone of our nation’s communications system.  A cry for help to 911 must be answered in large cities and in small rural towns alike.  Anything less is unacceptable. The Enforcement Bureau will continue to work with the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau to ensure that telecommunications providers are held accountable for their 911 obligations.”

*Attributable to Rear Admiral (ret.) David Simpson, Chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau:*

“When Americans dial 911 in an emergency, they can and should expect their calls to be answered. The public relies on telecommunications providers to responsibly deliver these calls, and telecommunications providers, whether large or small, must live up to this most basic yet vital obligation to their customers.”

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