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**MONDAY: FCC CHAIRWOMAN TO JOIN SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
FIRE CHIEF TO DISCUSS NET NEUTRALITY PROPOSAL**

*As Firefighters responded to the Mendocino Complex Fire in 2018, their internet  
access was throttled in the midst of their public safety response*

WASHINGTON, April 5, 2024—FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel will be traveling to Santa Clara County, CA on Monday April 8, 2024 to discuss the agency's [upcoming vote](#) during its April Open Meeting to restore Net Neutrality, which would bring back a national standard for broadband reliability, security, and consumer protection. If adopted, the [Chairwoman's proposal](#) would restore the FCC's oversight of broadband services, an increasingly essential resource for public safety and first responders. She will be joined by Santa Clara County Fire Department Fire Chief Suwanna Kerdkaew, public safety officials, public interest groups, and technology experts to discuss why there is a need to restore Net Neutrality protections. A roundtable discussion will be followed by a media availability.

The agency is expected to vote on final Net Neutrality rules in late April. Chairwoman Rosenworcel chose to travel to the Bay Area to highlight an [incident](#) involving the Santa Clara County Fire Department where their internet access was throttled in the midst of their public safety response to the largest fire on record in California history. California is one of roughly a dozen states that chose to create their own Net Neutrality rules in response to the previous Administration's repeal of national standards.

**WHAT:** Roundtable discussion and media availability on FCC's upcoming vote on Net Neutrality

**WHO:** Santa Clara County Fire Department Fire Chief Suwanna Kerdkaew, FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel, technology experts, public interest groups, and public safety officials.

**WHEN:** 11:15 a.m. PT media availability (2:15 p.m. ET)

**WHERE:** 485 W. Sunnyoaks Ave, Campbell, CA 95008  
McCormack Training Center (MTC) located behind the Sunnyoaks Fire Station in Campbell

**NOTE:** This event is open to news media only. A livestream for the media availability can be accessed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaM8yWyAm54>.

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