

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MEREDITH ATTWELL BAKER**

Re: Developing a Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, Notice of Inquiry; FCC-10-200, FCC Docket No. 10-255

I am glad that we are beginning to move forward on the recommendations from the National Broadband Plan regarding Next Generation 911 Deployment. The need to incorporate state of the art technologies into emergency communications services is something upon which we can all agree. Today's *Notice of Inquiry (NOI)* is a thoughtful starting point for our work to ensure that public safety communications capabilities meet the public's legitimate expectations and requirements. I look forward to reviewing the comments.

As we proceed, I hope that we will continue to be mindful of the statutory limits of our authority. In addition, in these challenging economic times we must not lose sight of the costs of the required technology upgrades. I would hate to see the unaffordable "better" trump the attainable "good," thus putting needed innovation effectively out of reach.

I would like to acknowledge the input of various expert organizations, including NENA, APCO, the E-911 Institute and the National E911 Implementation Coordination Office (ICO). I am sorry we consider such an important *NOI* in the shadow of Net Neutrality. It is important in its own right, and an area ripe for consensus.