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NPSTC Seeks Public Recommendations on NCC Radio Channel Naming (Common Nomenclature) Standard

(Littleton, Colorado, December 4, 2006) -The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) is requesting alternate recommendations on the common interoperability radio channel naming scheme that was developed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC's) Public Safety National Coordinating Committee (NCC). NPSTC is providing the public safety community the opportunity to submit alternate recommendations to update the NCC recommended channel naming scheme, and will host a **Public Forum on Standard Radio Channel Naming (Common Nomenclature) Standard for Public Safety Voice Interoperability Channels** in Orlando, Florida, on February 5, 2007.

NPSTC believes that the lack of a common naming standard and the lack of immediate communications capability is a significant impediment to public safety's ability to respond to multi-agency incidents, and that a common nomenclature will make a tangible difference in public safety interoperability. NPSTC recognizes that there is some confusion and dissent on the proposed NCC common radio channel naming standard and encourages open discussion and alternate recommendations from public safety entities to develop understanding and a national consensus.

Visit the NPSTC website for complete details on how to create, submit, and present your recommendation at www.npstc.org. You may participate online, in person, or via teleconference. Submissions must be made on the template provided on the NPSTC website. The deadline for submissions to be considered at this forum is January 15, 2007. Final review of these comments will take place at the NPSTC Radio Channel Naming (Common Nomenclature) Standard Meeting.

Please visit NPSTC's Meeting Page at www.npstc.org/meetings.jsp for more information on the location and times of this meeting and the quarterly Governing Board meeting. The NPSTC Governing Board will conduct its quarterly meetings on February 6 and 7, 2007. All meetings are open to the public.

Formed on May 1, 1997, NPSTC is a federation of organizations representing public safety telecommunications. NPSTC was originally formed to encourage and facilitate implementation of the findings and recommendations of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC), established in 1994 by the Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications and Information Administration to evaluate the wireless communications needs of local, tribal, state, and federal public safety agencies through the year 2010, identify problems, and recommend possible solutions.

NPSTC has since taken on additional responsibilities including implementing the recommendations of the FCC Public Safety National Coordination Committee (NCC) and the support and development of the Computer Assisted Pre-coordination and Resource Database System (CAPRAD) for 700 MHz spectrum to assist the Regional Planning Committees (RPCs). NPSTC develops and makes recommendations to appropriate governmental bodies regarding public safety communications issues and policies that promote greater interoperability and cooperation between local, state and federal agencies.