



National Public Safety Telecommunications Council

Press Release

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Mark Your Calendars for IWCE and Opportunities to Interact with NPSTC

The FCC's national public safety broadband network initiative is now 4 years old. When will it happen? How does the new National Broadband Plan affect it? Where are we now? These issues will be addressed by National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) and Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) Board members, Alan Caldwell and Kevin McGinnis. In addition, the results of a NPSTC project to predict future emergency medical services technologies (the Tri-Coder makes a comeback!) and their broadband communications implications will give attendees a glimpse into just how the public safety broadband network will support emergency response needs.

The panel will also present a review of NPSTC's Technology Committee new Working Group, the Public Safety Spectrum Requirements: Assessment of Future Spectrum and Technology (AFST).

The AFST Working Group was created to update the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) Report, written in 1996 to document public safety's spectrum and technology needs through 2010. The Working Group will identify the public safety user communications requirements for the next 10 years, from 2010 to 2020, and will deliver a final report that will identify the spectrum and technology required to meet user requirements and to help drive policy on spectrum, funding, and other issues; standards development; and the public safety vendor community.

Mark Your Calendars!

March 10

NPSTC Panel Session W02, 11:00 - 12:15 pm PST on potential broadband applications for EMS as the national public safety broadband network gets closer to reality and NPSTC's new AFST Working Group.

March 12

NPSTC Governing Board meets in Room S228 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm PST. Join NPSTC's leadership to learn WHO we are, WHAT activities we are currently working on to improve public safety telecommunications, and to share YOUR input on the critical issues facing the public safety telecommunications community today.

March 8-12

NPSTC also looks forward to talking with you during the week at Booth #3093.

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