



National Public Safety Telecommunications Council

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NPSTC Votes To Endorse LTE Technology for Broadband Network

Today the 15 public safety organizations of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) unanimously voted to endorse LTE (Long Term Evolution) as the favored technology standard most suited to the development of a nationwide interoperable broadband network in the 700 MHz public safety band.

NPSTC's Chair Ralph Haller said, "This action by the Governing Board establishes a platform for the nationwide 700 MHz network while supporting the concept of local deployment. It also brings the certainty that is needed by the carriers and equipment manufacturers to allow the public safety community to take advantage of economies of scale, bringing the network closer to a reality."

"NPSTC took action today to move public safety closer to the goal of a nationwide broadband network by adopting a network platform that will ensure a robust, high throughput, low latency capability with the potential to reduce the cost of devices and infrastructure for public safety," NPSTC's Vice Chair Doug Aiken added.

Pending administrative protocols, this endorsement will be final on July 1, 2009.

NPSTC is a federation of organizations whose mission is to improve public safety communications and interoperability through collaborative leadership.

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