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National Public Safety Telecommunications Council

Volunteers Needed for the Assessment of Future Spectrum and Technology Working Group

In 1996, the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) published its report on public safety's needs through the year 2010. That groundbreaking report eventually led to public safety spectrum assignments in the 700 MHz and 4.9 GHz bands.

The 15 member associations of the NPSTC are partnering with the Department of Homeland Security, Science & Technology Directorate, Command, Control & Interoperability Division (DHS/S&T/CCI), their technical support organization at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Department of Commerce Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) program to investigate the operational needs of public safety through the year 2020 and the technology and spectrum impacts of those needs.

The Technology Committee is looking for volunteers to participate with the Public Safety Spectrum Requirements: Assessment of Future Spectrum and Technology (AFST) Working Group, formed to assess public safety's spectrum and technology needs through the year 2020. This new report will provide a foundation for public safety's long-term requirements and will help communicate with policymakers.

It's critical that we get this right and accurately capture the unmet and future needs of public safety, and therefore, we need volunteers ranging from public safety practitioners to technologists to build the case for our desired future. Several hundred professionals participated in the PSWAC report and we anticipate needing similar participation for this report.

We need volunteers from each public safety discipline (law enforcement, fire, EMS, transportation, health, etc.) to ensure that we're properly capturing the operational requirements. We need technology experts for the various systems public safety uses (land mobile radio, broadband, microwave, satellite, etc.) to translate those requirements into technical implementations or technical requirements that will help drive the public safety needs through 2020. Finally, we need spectrum experts who can develop the models that can translate the requirements into meaningful spectrum needs and develop a plan for meeting the operational needs through 2020.

If you'd like to participate in the Assessment of Future Spectrum and Technology Working Group and provide input that will benefit the public safety and public service communities, please use the form below to volunteer. You will be contacted with the information for the next meeting and additional information regarding the AFST Working Group.

[Volunteer Form](#)

If you have any questions, please call Toll Free (866) 807-4755 or email NPSTC at info@npstc.org.

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