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David G. Simpson
Rear Admiral (ret.), U.S. Navy
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: PS Docket No. 13-87 and WT Docket No. 02-378

Dear Admiral Simpson,

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) and the National Regional Planning Council (NRPC) thank the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for approving six of the 700 MHz reserve channels for deployable trunked systems as previously recommended by NPSTC and the NRPC.1 RPCs may now incorporate these channels into their plans for deployable trunked systems provided any region with a T-Band market must give priority to these channels to any public safety T-band incumbent seeking to relocate from the T-band.

As a follow-up to that action, NPSTC and the NRPC developed the attached report entitled 700 MHz Nationwide Deployable Trunked Solutions. The report has been developed to help spread awareness of the Commission’s decision and to provide recommended technical and logistical solutions necessary to implement the new deployable trunked systems. The report also includes some recommended best practices to enable improved interoperability among public safety entities that implement deployable trunked systems.

The primary audiences for the report are the 700 MHz Regional Planning Committees and those who implement and manage communications systems in public safety agencies. NPSTC and the NRPC also are providing this report to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for information. The recommendations in the report largely apply to parameters such as trunked system and subscribers IDs and Network Access Codes (NACs), etc. that are necessary for proper trunked system operation but are not part of the Commission’s rules.2 Accordingly, NPSTC and the NRPC believe that no official Bureau or Commission action is needed regarding this report.

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2 The system and subscriber IDs addressed in the report are technical parameters necessary for proper trunked operation, not the station IDs required by the Commission for regulatory purposes.
NPSTC and the NRPC again thank the Bureau and the Commission for their actions in opening channels within the 700 MHz band for deployable trunked systems. These actions are beneficial to public safety and will help enable emergency response communications and interoperability at major incidents or large planned events.

Sincerely,

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