



NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

---

## GAO Emergency Communication Study Follow-up

Last year the Government Accountability Office (GAO) interviewed several members of NPSTC for a report they are doing on interoperable communications. They have asked some follow-up questions and since we have been heavily involved in facilitating and advocating for the advancement of Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) and the National Public Safety Coordination Committee (NCC) recommendations they requests the NPSTC Governing Board and Committees to prepare a response to the questions posed below. We plan to have this discussion under the New Business section of the February conference call meeting. If you have some specific point to make, please prepare to discuss it then or provide us a written response to these questions to forward onto them.

### GAO questions:

1. Are there any particular recommendations that NPSTC considers the most important or key for addressing emergency communications vulnerabilities?
  - a. If yes, which ones and why?
2. To what extent have FCC, DHS, and other relevant federal agencies adopted or responded to the recommendations of the PSWAC and the NCC?
  - a. What, if any, action remains outstanding for each recommendation?
3. Would there be any value (i.e. effectiveness, accountability, transparency) in FCC, DHS, or other federal agencies tracking advisory groups' recommendations and each agencies' response to these recommendations?
4. What are the key challenges that NPSTC has faced in advancing the recommendations of these 2 advisory groups?
5. Would it be possible to get a copy of the NCC's final report(s)?

---

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials | American Radio Relay League | Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies | Association of Public Safety Communications Officials | Forestry Conservation Communications Association | International Association of Chiefs of Police | International Association of Emergency Managers | International Association of Fire Chiefs | International Municipal Signal Association | National Association of State Chief Information Officers | National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials | National Association of State Foresters | National Association of State Technology Directors | National Emergency Number Association | National Sheriffs' Association

---