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**PSST Observes First Year as 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Licensee**

*The PSST Continues To Be Strongly Committed To Creation Of A  
Nationwide Public Safety Shared Wireless Broadband Network*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – November 19, 2008** – Today, the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) completed one year as the entity designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to be the Public Safety Broadband Licensee (PSBL). The PSST holds the license for 10 MHz of nationwide public safety broadband spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band, which under FCC rules is to be combined with a similarly sized block of commercial spectrum (the 700 MHz D Block), to create a single nationwide network for mixed public safety and commercial use. After more than two and a half years of comprehensive public discussion and hundreds of comments filed in this rulemaking, the FCC appears to be very close to creating final rules for both the public safety/commercial partnership and an auction for the 700 MHz D Block.

During its first year, the board of the PSST worked collectively to make sure the interests of first responders across the country were represented in a new, nationwide network designed to meet their challenging communications needs. The PSST - an unprecedented venture - marks the first time a diverse group representing both the interests of public safety and state and local government have collaborated in the administration of a spectrum license to solve our nation's public safety communications crisis.

Chief Harlin McEwen, Chairman of the PSST, said, "Today's milestone is proof that the diverse interests of our nation's first responder community can come together for the important task of improving the way public safety communicates. The FCC wisely cast a wide net in choosing the individual organizations comprising the board of the PSST. Despite varying priorities, the members of the PSST have acted to help shape the FCC's rulemaking process. The PSST will continue working with the FCC, the commercial wireless industry and other state and local entities to make this network a success."

**About the PSST**

The PSST, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is the Public Safety Broadband Licensee (PSBL), holding an FCC license for public safety spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band designated for nationwide wireless broadband use. The PSST's mission is to provide national public safety leadership an organizational structure through which decisions can be made to guide the construction and operation of an interoperable nationwide broadband network via a public safety-commercial partnership, ensuring the communications requirements of the public safety community are met. For additional information, visit [www.psst.org](http://www.psst.org).

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