

NPSTC's Chair Reports to FCC Panel on Broadband Technology and Public Safety

NPSTC's Chair Ralph Haller and Harlin McEwen, Chair, Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) and representing the International Chiefs of Police (IACP) to NPSTC were part of a panel convened by the FCC to explore the use of broadband technology by the public safety and the homeland security communities as part of the development of a National Broadband Plan. The meeting held on February 25, 2009, allowed each speaker a brief time to present, followed by questions from FCC staff and those attending in person or via the web broadcast. For more information, visit <http://www.broadband.gov/>.

The Federal Communications Commission's staff workshops will be held throughout August and into September to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and key constituents on matters important to the National Broadband Plan. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress by February 17, 2010, that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to national priorities, including health care, education, energy, public safety, job creation, investment, and others.

FCC Participants:

- James A. Barnett, Jr., Rear Admiral (Ret.), Chief, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB)
- Jeff Cohen, Senior Legal Advisor, PSHSB
- Jeffery Goldthorp, Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, PSHSB
- Carlos Kirjner, Ph.D., Senior Advisor, Office of Chairman Genachowski
- William Lane, Ph.D., Chief Engineer, PSHSB
- John Leibovitz, Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB)
- Jennifer A. Manner, Deputy Chief, PSHSB
- Kathyrn Medley, Chief, Satellite Engineering Branch & Acting Chief, Systems Analysis Branch, International Bureau
- Erika Olsen, Special Counsel, PSHSB
- Jon Peha, Ph.D., Chief Technology Officer

Additional Government Participants:

- Laurie Flaherty, Program Analyst, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation
- Charles Hoffman, Chief, Disaster Emergency Communications Programs, Disaster Emergency Communications Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Daniel Phythyon, Chief, Policy, Planning & Analysis Division, Office of Emergency Communications, Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Panel 1: First Responders Using Broadband Technologies to Advance Public Safety

- Charles Brennan, Deputy Secretary, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Office of Public Safety Radio Service (OPSR)
- Stephen Carter, Vice President of Technology, Qualcomm
- Pete Eggemann, Chair, Operations Committee, National emergency Number Association (NENA); Director, 9-1-1 Services Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, St. Paul, MN; NG 9-1-1 Trial Participant
- Ralph Haller, Chair, National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)

- Glenn Katz, President & Chief Operating Officer, Spacenet, Inc.
- Harlin McEwen, Chair, Public Safety Spectrum Trust
- Bill Schrier, Chief Technology Officer & Director for Information Technology, City of Seattle; representing the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO)

Panel 2: Homeland Security: Uses, Benefits and Challenges of Broadband Technologies Large Scale Events

- Andrew Afflerbach, Ph.D.; P.E., Chief Executive Officer & Director of Engineering, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation; representing National Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors (NATOA)
- Emmanuel Hooper, Ph.D., Senior Scholar & Researcher, Harvard University, Leadership for Networked World; Harvard-MIT-Yale Cyber Scholar; Founder, Global Information Intelligence
- Murad Raheem, Branch Chief, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response; Information Technology, Electronics & Communications, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- Marcus Sachs, Executive Director, National Security & Cyber Policy, Office of Federal Government Relations, Verizon Government Affairs
- Steve Souder, Director, Fairfax (Virginia) Department of Public Safety Communication