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**NPSTC Warns of Negative Ramifications to Public Safety  
from International Trade Commission Ruling**

(Littleton, Colorado, June 15, 2007) -The National Public Safety Communications Council (NPSTC) believes that serious negative ramifications will result to public safety communications if a recent remedy ordered by the International Trade Commission (ITC) stands. In adjudicating a patent dispute between Broadcom and Qualcomm, the ITC decision will block EV-DO wireless technology from being imported into the United States.

NPSTC takes no position with regard to the dispute between Broadcom and Qualcomm. EV-DO technology provides critical capability to both the citizen facing an emergency and responding public safety agencies. EV-DO technology in mobile phones provides precise location information of a caller to a 911 center, a capability at the forefront of a national policy to expedite emergency response. Just as significantly, the technology is deployed in public safety radio equipment and is an important element in providing advance communications capability to emergency response services.

The law addressing ITC disputes requires that any remedy serve the public interest. Precluding the import of EV-DO technology will harm immeasurably the ability to locate an individual needing help and the first responder's ability to communicate with one another. As the danger to emergency response will be substantial, an import ban will harm considerably the public interest.

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informed discussion and debate and the development of consensus positions reflecting the input of NPSTC's members.

NPSTC serves both as a resource and advocate for public safety organizations in the United States on matters relating to public safety telecommunications. NPSTC explores technologies and public policy involving public safety agencies, analyzes the ramifications of particular issues, and submits comments to governmental bodies with the objective of furthering public safety communications worldwide. NPSTC serves as a standing forum for the exchange of ideas and information for effective public safety telecommunications.

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