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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 Telecommunications Directors

On August 16, 2007, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) issued a public notice to remind the public safety community that no new narrowband operations will be permitted as of August 30, 2007, in 764-767/794-797 MHz and 775-776/805-806 MHz bands, and that public safety licensees will be required to certify the number of narrowband mobile and portable handsets and base stations serving these handsets that are in operation as of August 30, 2007.

Public safety representatives met via conference call with the FCC's Chief Derek Poarch of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) on August 28, 2007. During this call Chief Poarch expressed his commitment to the public safety community and his wish that no harm will come to the community as a result of the FCC's 700 MHz Second Report and Order.

Chief Poarch encourages all public safety agencies that have deployed or are in the process of deploying a 700 MHz system impacted by the Order to file a waiver request ASAP. Your waiver should include an equipment inventory and deployment schedule with the exact numbers of radios in operation and planning dates with numbers for additional deployments. In addition to the waiver, it is suggested that all impacted agencies send an email advising the FCC that there is an issue and that your agency requires relief. Send emails to Dana Shafer Dana.Shaffer@FCC.gov, with copies to Jeff Cohen Jeff.Cohen@fcc.gov, and Derek Poarch Derek.Poarch@fcc.gov.

Chief Poarch made it clear that the dates in the Second Report & Order are not going to be changed, but that the FCC will be flexible and reasonable. Impacted agencies are urged to get their emails in ASAP and let the PSHSB know there is an issue that will need their attention. The Bureau will work diligently to accommodate any agency and will work with the various interests to address and streamline the review process.