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PRESS RELEASE

**NPSTC Welcomes First International Member,
Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group (CITIG)**

(Littleton, Colorado, November 30, 2007)—The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) is pleased to welcome its newest Associate Member, the Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group (CITIG). Launched in April 2007 by the Canadian Police Research Centre (CPRC) in conjunction with the Canadian Association of the Chiefs of Police (CACAP), CITIG brings together representatives from public safety, industry, academia, government, and non-governmental organizations to collectively shape the future of Canadian public safety interoperability. CITIG's partnerships include both the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs and Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada.

Lance Valcour, Inspector, Ottawa Police Service, says CITIG is modeling its efforts to develop a collective voice for public safety telecommunications on the NPSTC model of collaborative leadership, and is modeling its strategies on the five pillars of success in achieving interoperability developed by the Department of Homeland Security's SAFECOM Program.

"When you look at the great strides in communications technology and you see the work being done in the United States and beyond, it's clear that we have a significant opportunity to impact the state of Canadian public safety interoperability," says Steve Palmer, CPRC Executive Director.

NPSTC is a volunteer council of fourteen state and local public safety organizations that is recognized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as leaders and policymakers for the broader nationwide public safety communications community. Achieving a collective voice on public safety telecommunications issues occurs through informed discussion and debate and the development of consensus positions reflecting the input of NPSTC's members. This year the organizations that make up NPSTC will celebrate ten years of this important collaborative partnership that works to improve interoperability and public safety spectrum allocation.

For more information on NPSTC and CITIG, please visit www.npstc.org and www.cprc.org/citig.

NPSTC is a federation of organizations whose mission is to improve public safety communications and interoperability through collaborative leadership.

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