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**PRESS RELEASE**

### **NPSTC Honors John Powell, Winner of 2007 Richard DeMello Award**

(Littleton, Colorado, November 30, 2007)—The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) is pleased to present the 2007 Richard DeMello award to John Powell. Chief Harlin McEwen, last year's award winner, presented the DeMello Award to Mr. Powell at the 98th Anniversary Annual Awards Banquet of the Radio Club of America in New York City, New York, on November 16, 2007, saying, "I cannot think of any person who has worked harder and longer on behalf of the public safety community than John Powell. I have worked with John for many years and believe he is extremely worthy of the honor this award conveys."



Each year, NPSTC presents an annual award at the RCA awards dinner to one public safety communications person who has demonstrated the highest levels of personal and professional conduct and performance in the local, state, and national public safety communications arena. The award was named to honor the achievements of Richard DeMello, one of the founding fathers of NPSTC.

"I am deeply appreciative that my many colleagues and friends within NPSTC, and indeed from the international public safety community with whom I've had the great enjoyment and privilege to work for so many years, have chosen to recognize me with this year's DeMello Award," Mr. Powell said. "I had the honor of knowing and working with Richard DeMello for over a decade as we built strong partnerships among first responders, eventually resulting in the formation of NPSTC ten years ago. This award is a wonderful and deserving tribute to Richard's tireless effort to build bridges between organizations, and I am humbled to be its second recipient." Visit [www.npstc.org](http://www.npstc.org) to learn more about Mr. Powell and Mr. DeMello and their contributions to public safety telecommunications.

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