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PRESS RELEASE

NPSTC Welcomes National Emergency Number Association to Governing Board

(Littleton, Colorado, February 4, 2008)—The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) is pleased to welcome the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), representing over 7,000 of the nation's 9-1-1 leaders, administrators, and PSAPs. NENA helps bring the issues that impact 9-1-1 to the front burner of the nation's policymakers and leaders.

NENA's mission is to foster the technological advancement, availability, and implementation of a universal emergency telephone number system, 9-1-1. In carrying out its mission, NENA promotes research, planning, training, and education. The protection of human life, the preservation of property, and the maintenance of general community security are NENA's top objectives. "NENA's membership adds the representation of a critically important element of the public safety telecommunications community to NPSTC's Governing Board," said Vincent Stile, Chair, NPSTC.

"Working closely with like-minded public safety groups is imperative to improve emergency communications," Jason Barbour, President, NENA, said. "In this age of rapidly advancing communications technologies, partnerships involving all relevant parties in emergency communications, from those associations focused on 9-1-1 to those traditionally focused on land mobile radios, are essential. As technology continues to converge, so must the collaborative efforts of public safety groups. NENA could not be more pleased to be a part of this organization, and we look forward to working with NPSTC and all of its members."

NPSTC is a volunteer council of fifteen state and local public safety organizations recognized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as leaders and policymakers for the broader nationwide public safety communications community. In 2007 the organizations that make up NPSTC celebrated ten years of this important collaborative partnership that works to improve interoperability and public safety spectrum allocation.

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

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