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Fourteen of the Fifteen Public Safety Associations that are members of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) Do Not Support The NENA 700 MHz Alternative Proposal

The Member Associations of NPSTC have reviewed the alternative proposal from the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) regarding public safety broadband communications.

The NENA proposal includes a suggestion to auction the 700 MHz broadband spectrum, allocated by Congress to public safety in 1997, and currently licensed to the Public Safety Spectrum Trust, and to auction the adjacent 700 MHz D Block Spectrum.

The following Fourteen of the Fifteen member Associations of NPSTC agree with the Public Safety Spectrum Trust that the NENA proposal is not beneficial to the public safety community:

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- American Radio Relay League
- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International
- Forestry Conservation Communications Association
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- 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 Technology Directors
- National Sheriffs' Association

The above listed member associations of NPSTC do not support the NENA proposal to reallocate the 10 MHz public safety 700 MHz broadband block to commercial use, as it would give back scarce public safety spectrum and would undermine progress made during recent meetings among numerous major public safety organizations to further address matters related to the development of a nationwide interoperable broadband network.

NPSTC encourages NENA to abandon the promotion of this proposal and to support current efforts by the majority of the national public safety organizations to encourage Congress to enact legislation to direct the Federal Communications Commission to allocate the 700 MHz D Block Spectrum to the Public Safety Broadband License.