



National Public Safety Telecommunications Council

Press Release

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NPSTC Urges P25 CAP to Enforce Conformance Standards in Approved Labs

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) voted yesterday to call upon the P25 Compliance Assessment Program (CAP) to implement and enforce conformance standards tests as part of the CAP process and to only allow testing in approved labs. This action was taken amid reports from practitioners attending a recent P25 meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, that indicated vendors are balking at implementing conformance testing, including conformance tests already approved by P25, and are suggesting that testing outside of approved labs be allowed as an alternative process.

Kevin McGinnis, National Association of State EMS Officials and NPSTC Governing Board member, and a practitioner who attended the Las Vegas meeting, made the following motion at NPSTC's Quarterly meeting.

"The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council, representing national associations of public safety users of communications systems, recommends strongly that conformance testing be an integral part of the P25 CAP, that the ISSI conformance tests already approved by the P25 governing board be implemented as a requirement for recognition, and that no substitute processes be allowed in place of the current P25 CAP processes."

The motion was approved unanimously by those in attendance. The same motion was approved the previous week by the Department of Homeland Security's SAFECOM Executive Committee at its meeting in Washington, DC.

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