



National Public Safety Telecommunications Council

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Public Safety & Industry Volunteers Needed: NPSTC's Broadband Working Group Announces New Task Groups

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) is seeking volunteers to serve on two new Task Groups supporting the Broadband Working Group (BBWG).

1) Priority & Quality of Service (QoS)

This group will review and refresh the 2012 NPSTC Priority and QoS document.

Co-Chairs: Trent Miller (Industry); David Buchanan assisted by John Powell (Public Safety)

2) Local Control

This group will review and refresh the 2012 NPSTC Local Control document.

Co-Chairs: Tom Hengeveld (Industry) and Steve Devine (Public Safety)

These two new Task Groups will replace the work of the larger BBWG SoR Quantitative Task Group, which has been meeting since last year. Following a meeting with FirstNet, PSCR, and NPSTC, it was determined that we should "pause" our work in the Launch SoR Quantitative Update. That team had examined 400+ public safety requirements in the Launch SoR and flagged more than 100 of them to be updated with a quantitative measurement. We realized that it would take almost a year to fully revise the Launch document and that FirstNet would benefit from having smaller groups work on specific projects (vs. updating the entire document). The Local Control and Priority/QoS groups are a product of that discussion.

These two groups will be a collaboration of input from industry and public safety. Full details on charter, mission statement, and timeline will be provided. The main focus will be to:

- a) Use the original 2012 NPSTC Report on Local Control or separate 2012 Report on Priority and QoS as a baseline.
- b) Examine the 2012 reports to flag any area that should be "refreshed" to reflect new information, technology or approach.
- c) Examine recent presentations and publications to identify emerging issues that should be addressed, including new capabilities.

- d) Develop some updated Use Cases to explain options or recommended requirements.
- e) Identify any existing or new technology areas which should be recommended for lab or field testing, or identify areas that need further study.

If you are interested in participating with either group, please sign up using the NPSTC Volunteer Registration Form at <http://npstc.org/joinToParticipate.jsp>.

Both of these groups will begin meeting by teleconference in early August, so please sign up by Friday, August 1, to receive the meeting notice and backup materials.

In the coming weeks, NPSTC will also be announcing the creation of two additional groups:

A "**LTE Deployables**" Task Group is being formed, led by the Canadian Centre for Security Science. This group will examine LTE deployable assets and how they will operate along the U.S./Canadian border.

We will also be activating a "**Bi-National Cross Border Communications**" Working Group with CITIG that is studying voice and data communications interoperability along the U.S./Canadian border. More information, including how to sign up will be provided at a later date.

NPSTC's ongoing dialogue on national public safety telecommunication issues affects policies and technologies that affect local organizations every day. NPSTC actively seeks your participation as a person interested in public safety telecommunications. As a NPSTC participant you can impact national policies of tomorrow and be a part of planning the future course of public safety communications today by being part of the debate and discussion. For more information, please visit www.npstc.org or call [866.807.4755](tel:866.807.4755).

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