



# Federal Communications Commission Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

## Overview of FCC Public Safety Communications Issues

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# 911 and Enhanced 911



- **Wireless E911 Location Accuracy**
  - September 2008: Bureau sought comment on joint proposals by NENA, APCO, Verizon Wireless, AT&T, and Sprint
  - Draft order on circulation
- **Non-Service Initialized Handsets**
  - April 2008: Notice of Inquiry
  - Next step: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- **911/E911 Network Resiliency Reports**
  - Submitted February 6, 2009; under review



# 911 and Enhanced 911



- NET 911 Act
  - Report to Congress on State 911 fees due July 22
  - Information from States due March 23
  - Bureau working on developing PSAP-related best practices
- VoIP 911
  - Action pending on June 2007 NPRM regarding VoIP location information requirements



# 700 MHz/D Block



- 3d FNPRM Pending
- Staff Reviewing Options
- Potential Issues Going Forward
  - Commercial Viability/Funding
  - Nationwide/Regional Licensing
  - Early/Local Deployment
  - Auction v. RFP
  - Reallocation of D Block?



# Broadband Initiatives



- 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
  - National Broadband Plan Due February 2010
  - Notice of Inquiry on FCC April Agenda
  - NTIA and RUS Broadband Grant Programs
    - FCC Consultative Role
- 2008 Farm Bill
  - Chairman to submit Rural Broadband Strategy to Congress by May 22
  - PN released March 10; comments due March 25



# FCC Emergency Response Activities



- 2008 Hurricane Season
  - FCC Incident Management Team directed response to each storm
  - Close coordination with FEMA
  - First use of Project Roll Call to provide status updates on licensees
  - Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) activated for major storms
- Planning for 2009 Season Under Way



# Other Major Issues



- Cyber Security
- 800 MHz Rebanding
- Emergency Alert System
- Commercial Mobile Alert System
- Network Outage Reporting
- Back-Up Power Proceeding