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Public Safety Spectrum Trust Holds Quarterly Board Meeting

The Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) held the Third Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 9, 2009. The Board unanimously re-elected the current officers for two year terms. Chief Harlin McEwen representing the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) will continue as Chairman, Kevin McGinnis, representing the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) will continue as Vice Chairman and Alan Caldwell representing the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) will continue as Secretary-Treasurer.

In other action the PSST adopted a position to support efforts by a number of major national public safety organizations to urge Congress to enact legislation to direct the Federal Communications Commission to allocate the 700 MHz D Block Spectrum to the national Public Safety Broadband License.

The PSST also discussed a proposal from the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) that 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 PSST Board members, with the exception of NENA, voted to 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. The PSST also voted to encourage 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.

About the PSST

The PSST, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is the Public Safety Broadband Licensee (PSBL), holding an FCC license for public safety spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band designated for nationwide wireless broadband use. The PSST's mission is to provide national public safety leadership an organizational structure through which decisions can be made to guide the construction and operation of an interoperable nationwide broadband network via a public safety-commercial partnership, ensuring the communications requirements of the public safety community are met. For additional information, visit www.psst.org.

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