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Public Safety Communications Working Group

Scope, Charter, Mission

Scope: The scope of the Public Safety Communications Working Group encompasses public policy issues related to the role of public safety communications in homeland security and natural disasters.

Charter: The Public Safety Communications Working Group will provide TIA members with the opportunity to participate in efforts to educate and inform Members of Congress and key policymakers on matters relating to the role of public safety communications in homeland security. The Working Group will also serve as an industry resource to the Congress, the Administration, Federal agencies, and other relevant organizations.

Mission: The mission of the Public Safety Communications Working Group includes but is not limited to the following:

- Be a trusted adviser to the government on issues relating to the importance of information and communications technology to first responders and other public safety officials;
- Provide information and advice relating to the issue of communications interoperability and how it can be achieved for public safety, including:
 - Providing appropriate support to government initiatives, such as the SAFECOM Program in the Department of Homeland Security;
 - Support implementation of FirstNet, a nationwide interoperable Public Safety broadband Network;
- Provide information on standards for communications products and systems utilized by public safety;
- Advocate for appropriate efficiency incentives and targeted federal funding for public safety communications.