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NG911 WEBINAR SERIES COMBINES RESOURCES AND ADOPTER EXPERIENCES

“State of 911” Forum Announced: First Webinar Event is Nov. 13

(Washington, D.C.) – October 24, 2012 – The transition to Next Generation 911 (NG911) is underway and states, regions, counties and cities nationwide are faced with many decisions and options for the transition process.

Tasked with supporting and promoting implementation and coordination of NG911, the National 911 Program continues its effort to bring together resources and information about NG911, announcing a new, year-long webinar series—“The State of 911” Forum.

The 911 Program is housed within the Office of Emergency Medical Services at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In its unique role as the convener of stakeholders who are active in the NG911 transition process (including associations, vendors, Federal agencies and State representatives), this webinar series is designed to provide information about transition resources and share NG911 “early adopter” case studies.

The series will provide a unique combination of useful tools, information about Federal and State participation in the NG911 process –including what efforts Federal agencies are making to support state and local activities—and real experiences from early adopters about the NG911 transition process underway in regions around the country.

The first webinar will be conducted on Tuesday, November 13th and will feature:

- The release of the National 911 Program *Guidelines for State NG911 Legislative Language*, and
- Roger Wilson, chairman of the Alabama Wireless 911 Board, who will share Alabama’s experiences in the state’s effort to transition to NG911.

The “State of 911” Forum is free and open to the first 200 attendees. Register for the first event, Nov. 13 from 12-1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time by clicking the following link: <http://events.SignUp4.com/Stateof911WebinarNOV12>. Registration will close at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time on Nov. 13.

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The webinars are scheduled to take place every other month and future topics and presenters include: standards development, governance, legislative changes, updates on NG911 efforts from the FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB), the FEMA Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Groups (RECCWG), and early adopter experiences from states, counties and regions in the process of transitioning to NG911.

About the Nov. 13 Webinar:

The webinar will consist of two short presentations and a designated question-and-answer time to address any questions, thoughts or feedback from attendees.

Legislative Guidelines for NG911

Current 911 laws vary dramatically from state to state and deficiencies in 911 governance, inadequate funding models and non-inclusion of new technologies must be addressed before Next Generation 911 can be implemented.

Each State faces unique challenges in transitioning to NG911, and National 911 Program Coordinator Laurie Flaherty will address how the new “Guidelines for State NG911 Legislative Language” may help states make the legislative modifications necessary to transition to NG911.

911 in Alabama – A History of Leadership

America’s first 911 call was placed in Alabama, and more than four decades later, the state continues to adopt new ways to communicate with the public in an emergency. Alabama Wireless 911 Board Chairman Roger Wilson will share the state’s experiences in the process of transitioning to NG911.

Register to Attend

Visit <http://events.SignUp4.com/Stateof911WebinarNOV12> to register for the event. The webinar is open to the first 200 registered attendees. Following the event, the webinar will be available via www.911.gov.

For more information on the National 911 Program and the schedule for future “State of 911” Forum webinars, visit www.911.gov.

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