

### **PSCR's Orr Appointed to FCC's Interoperability Board (3/19/12)**

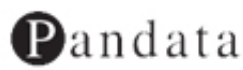
Dereck Orr, program manager for the Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) federal group based in Boulder, Colo., is the first appointee to the FCC's 14-member Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability. The FCC must appoint the remaining 13 members by March 23.

Lawrence Strickling, assistant secretary for communications and information for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), was directed to appoint one nonvoting member to the interoperability board, and Orr is that appointee.

The FCC's interoperability board was created under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. Four of the members must be representatives of wireless carriers, three members must represent equipment manufacturers, and four members must be with public-safety entities.

Orr's appointment was [included in a slide deck on the new legislation presented by Anna M. Gomez](#), NTIA deputy assistant secretary for communications and information.

A chair and vice chair for the interoperability board will be selected by the board, which will operate through a quorum or majority of the members.



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