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FINAL AGENDA RELEASED FOR FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY MEDIA FORUM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Washington, D.C. - The Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will co-sponsor a public forum on Wednesday, June 2, to examine how the relationship between local media and government can be strengthened to support local market operational readiness to cope with terrorist attacks, natural disasters or other similar occurrences.

The event will begin immediately following the meeting of the Commission's Media Security and Reliability Council (MSRC) which is scheduled from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., at the Federal Communications Commission, in the Commission Meeting Room at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. <u>A final agenda for the media forum is attached.</u>

The forum will address means of fostering coordination between local government and media before an emergency occurs, media awareness of service vulnerabilities, and plans for restoration of service to community, including the special needs of disability communities.

Meeting Details:

The event is open to the public. Seating will be made available on a first come, first serve basis. Real Audio and streaming video access to the meeting will be available at http://www.fcc.gov/.

The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Meeting agendas will be provided in accessible formats; sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Request other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities as early as possible; please allow at least five days advance notice. Include a description of the accommodation you will need including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to: fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY MEDIA FORUM – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2004 FINAL AGENDA

Opening Remarks: FCC Chairman Michael Powell

Panel Sessions:

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Panel I: Case studies in emergency planning and coordination between local media and government Moderator: Samuel Donaldson, ABC News

Panelists:

- Leon Harris, News Anchor, WJLA-TV
- Susan Neely, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, DHS
- David Barrett, CEO, Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc. and Media Security and Reliability Council Chair
- Topper Shutt, Chief Meteorologist, WUSA 9
- Steve Souder, Director, Montgomery County, Maryland, 911 Emergency Communications Center

Panel II: Building the lines of communication: fostering the local government/media relationship

Moderator: Tom Fitzpatrick, Vice President, Giuliani Partners LLC

Panelists:

- Ann Arnold, Executive Director, Texas Association of Broadcasters
- Barbara Kreisman, Chief, Video Division, FCC and Designated Federal Official, Media Security and Reliability Council
- Pat Roberts, President, Florida Association of Broadcasters, Inc.
- Brian J. Roehrkasse, Press Secretary, DHS

Panel III: A checklist for preparedness: how media can best ensure they are operationally ready when disaster strikes

- <u>Moderator</u>: Fred Young, Senior Vice President, News, Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc.

Panelists:

- Ken Flechler, Vice President of Compliance and Safety, Comcast Corp.
- Glenn Reitmeier, Vice President, Technology, NBC Broadcast and Network Operations
- Richard Slenker, Executive Vice President, Technology and Operations, The DIRECTV Group, Inc.