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## **AGENDA ANNOUNCED FOR THE MARCH 25, 2004 SUMMIT ON EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY**

By this Public Notice, the FCC announces the agenda for the Summit on “Emergency Communications and Homeland Security – Working with the Disability Community,” scheduled to take place on March 25, 2004. The Summit will convene disability organizations, service providers, government agencies and other stakeholders in order to discuss communications barriers faced by people with disabilities during national emergencies or terrorist attacks and develop strategies for resolving them where possible. The Summit will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at Commission headquarters, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. An agenda announcing additional details about the summit is attached.

The Summit will take from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Separate sessions will be held on 1) the definition of emergency and how that affects the access by the disability community to thorough and reliable emergency information; 2) issues encountered in accessing emergency information over different communications platforms; 3) pending rulemaking proceedings, enforcement, and outreach activities of interest to the disability community; and 4) technological innovations that will improve access to telecommunications equipment by the disabled.

### **Attendance**

The meeting is open to the public. To facilitate security clearance into the building, persons who plan to attend and who do not already have a “frequent visitor” badge are encouraged to notify Commission staff in advance. If you plan to attend, please send an e-mail to Alice Elder, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at [alice.elder@fcc.gov](mailto:alice.elder@fcc.gov).

### **Webcasting**

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live over the Internet from the FCC’s Audio/Video Events web page at [www.fcc.gov/realaudio](http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio).

### **Reasonable Accommodations**

Open captioning, sign language interpreters, and revoicing services will be provided for this event. In addition, accessible format materials (braille, large print, electronic files, and audio format) will also be provided. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are

available upon request. 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. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau:

### **General Information**

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Alice Elder, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-2168 or [alice.elder@fcc.gov](mailto:alice.elder@fcc.gov), or from Janet Sievert, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-1362, TTY 1-202-418-1398.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND HOMELAND SECURITY:  
WORKING WITH THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY  
SUMMIT**

*March 25, 2004  
Commission Headquarters, Washington, D.C.*

The purpose of this Summit is to convene disability organizations, service providers, government agencies and other stakeholders for the purpose of developing recommendations to the Commission concerning communications barriers faced by people with disabilities during emergencies and possible solutions to those barriers. The Summit will provide an opportunity for representatives of the disability community to discuss the communications barriers faced in emergency situations and an opportunity for the Commission and telecommunications industry representatives to discuss measures they can take in order to address those barriers.

**A G E N D A**

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| <b>9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.</b>   | <b>Welcome from K. Dane Snowden, Chief, Consumer &amp; Governmental Affairs Bureau</b>  |
| <b>9:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.</b>   | <b>Overview of the Homeland Security Policy Council and Its Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Linda Blair, Deputy Chief, Enforcement Bureau</li></ul>  |
| <b>9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</b>   | <b>Remarks by Daniel Sutherland, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security</b>  |
| <b>9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Commissioners/Federal Communications Commission Welcoming Remarks</b>  |
| <b>10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Defining Emergency – A Conversation</b> <p><i>This panel will explore the current FCC definition of emergency and possible alternatives that would help to improve the access of the disability community to reliable emergency information.</i></p> <b>Moderator: Ken Ferree, Chief, Media Bureau</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Claudia Gordon, Attorney, Department of Homeland Security</li><li>• Susan Fox, Vice President, Government Affairs, Disney</li><li>• Elizabeth Davis, Director of the Emergency Preparedness Initiative, National Organization on Disabilities</li><li>• Jenny Hansen, Manager, Public Safety Services Office for the State of Montana, Department of Administration</li></ul> |
| <b>11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Emergency Communications Access – A Conversation with the Disability Community</b>   |

*This panel will discuss issues encountered in accessing emergency information over different communications platforms.*

**Moderator: K. Dane Snowden, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau**

- Alan Dinsmore, Senior Governmental Relations Representative, American Foundation for the Blind
- Cheryl Heppner - Executive Director, Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons
- Andrew Imparato, President/Exec. Director, American Association of People with Disabilities
- Claude Stout, Executive Director, Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. (*invited*)

**12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

**Commission Activities and Outreach Impacting the Disability Community**

*This panel will highlight pending rulemaking proceedings of interest to the disability community. The panel will also cover enforcement and outreach measures and how they might be more responsive to the disability community.*

**Moderator: William Maher, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau**

- Mark Stone, Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Consumer's Division, Enforcement Bureau
- Tom Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
- Julie Veach, Assistant Division Chief, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau

**2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Technology Solutions**

*This panel will discuss technological innovations that will improve access to telecommunications equipment by the disabled.*

**Moderator: Cathy Seidel, Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau**

- Larry Goldberg, Director, Media Access, WGBH
- Dan Bart, Telecommunications Industry Association
- David J. Dzumba, Senior Manager, Global Accessibility NOKIA Mobile Phones

**4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Concluding Remarks – Ensuring Equal Access to Emergency Communications Services**

- **Michael K. Powell, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment**