



Resolution
of the
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police

RESOLUTION 2006-1

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PASSAGE OF A 'RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR 30 MHZ OF 700 SPECTRUM FOR BROADBAND TRANSMISSION BY PUBLIC SAFETY'"

APPROVED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, ROSEMONT, IL – AUGUST 3, 2006

- WHEREAS,** the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on December 19, 2005 submitted a report to Congress – on the Study of “Short-Term and Long-Term Needs for Allocation of Additional Portions of the Electromagnetic Spectrum for Federal, State, and Local Emergency Response Providers” (Report), which above all concluded that emergency response providers would benefit from the development of an integrated, interoperable nationwide network capable of delivering broadband services throughout the country, and further concluded that there may now be a place for commercial providers to assist public safety in securing and protecting the homeland, and
- WHEREAS,** certain organizations have filed a proposal with the FCC which would provide for a Public Safety Trust of radio spectrum for a nationwide, seamless, next-generation broadband network capable of integrating voice, data, and video for public safety using 30 megahertz of spectrum at present scheduled to be auctioned by the FCC
- WHEREAS,** the above referenced proposal are self-financing business proposals that would encourage the competition and innovation needed to create and support forward-looking cutting-edge technologies for the first responders of our nation, without the use of state or municipal funds, and,
- WHEREAS,** our Nation has a one-time opportunity to take advantage of the clearance of a nationwide block of 30 megahertz of contiguous frequencies in the 700 MHz spectrum band which is adjacent to spectrum currently occupied by public safety or allocated for use by public safety and is a spectrum preferably matched for the establishment of a next-generation broadband network because of its one of a kind physical properties, and
- WHEREAS,** our Nation will lose a tremendous opportunity to improve public safety through improved interoperability and perhaps its last meaningful chance for creating a fully interoperable, advanced public safety communications system, capable of using broadband and wideband technologies linking each and every local, state, and federal emergency responder, and necessary to securing and defending the homeland, if a debate is not initiated to license this spectrum to public safety for a nationwide broadband network before this spectrum is auctioned off and lost forever.


NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED by the General Membership of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, at its meeting held August 3, 2006, in Rosemont, Illinois, supports the allocation of 30 MHz of spectrum in the 700 MHz spectrum band to be held in trust for public safety to create a nationwide public safety broadband network and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Membership of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police also requests that the Federal Communication Commission instigate a proceeding to seek public comment on the Cyren Call Communications proposal to license this spectrum to a public safety trust for public safety use and for the creation and use of a broad band network, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, hereby requests the Illinois Congressional Delegation urge the Federal Communications Commission to begin such a proceeding immediately.



President



Executive

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