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**PUBLIC SAFETY TO TESTIFY AT U.S. HOUSE HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE
HEARING ON WEDNESDAY**

United Public Safety Organizations Will Implore Congress to pass legislation supporting a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 29, 2011 – Three major public safety organizations will implore Congress to pass legislation that would allow public safety officials to build a nationwide interoperable broadband network. Leaders of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), which combined serves more than 200,000 public safety members, will testify on Wednesday, March 30 at a U.S. House Homeland Security Committee hearing.

At the hearing, titled “Public Safety Communications: Are the needs of our First Responders being met?” public safety will call for policymakers to support and pass HR607, which would allocate D Block spectrum to public safety and provide funding to allow for the build out of a much needed nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. William D. Carrow, president of APCO, Jack Parow, president and chairman of the board of IAFC, and Paul Fitzgerald, first vice president of the National Sheriffs’ Association will testify for public safety.

Carrow, Parow and Fitzgerald will address the significant need among our nation’s first responders to build and implement a robust nationwide public safety network that will improve our nation’s homeland security and provide first responders with new interoperable communications technologies. They will urge policymakers to pass HR607 before this September, the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Complete testimony from the hearing on Wednesday from APCO, IAFC and NSA will be available at www.psafirst.org.

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About Public Safety Alliance

The Public Safety Alliance (www.psafirst.org) is a partnership of the nation's leading public safety associations, which includes the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Sheriffs’ Association, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the Major County Sheriffs’ Association, the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, the National Emergency Management Association and the National Association of EMS Officials. The partnership is operated as a program of APCO International.

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