



Public Safety Alliance
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PUBLIC SAFETY ALLIANCE STATEMENT ON KEAN/HAMILTON ENDORSEMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 30, 2011 – The following statement is to be attributed to Sean Kirkendall, a spokesman for the Public Safety Alliance (PSA):

“At today’s Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee hearing, the Chairmen of the 9/11 Commission, Governor Tom Kean and Representative Lee Hamilton announced their public support for legislation to provide our nation’s emergency first responders with dedicated spectrum to build a nationwide interoperable broadband wireless network that will enable public safety to communicate securely, effectively, and reliably in times of crisis.

Under their leadership, the 9/11 Commission played a critical role in highlighting the importance of robust, secure, and interoperable communications systems among our first responders. On behalf of the numerous associations represented within the Public Safety Alliance, we warmly welcome this endorsement and thank them for their continued leadership on this important issue. Just as Governor Kean and Representative Hamilton stated in their testimony today, the PSA also believes that we all must support the immediate allocation of the D-block spectrum to public safety. We must not approach these urgent matters at a leisurely pace. We don’t know when the next attack or disaster will strike. Further delay is intolerable. We urge the Congress to act.”

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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. The purpose of the Public Safety Alliance’s is to ensure law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies are able to use the most technologically advanced communications capability that meets the difficult, life-threatening challenges they face every day as they protect America. The goal of the Public Safety Alliance is to raise awareness in Congress and the White House about what our Nation’s law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services need to build out a nationwide, interoperable, 4G, wireless communications network to protect America.

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