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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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RE: Notice of Ex Parte, PS Docket No. 07-114

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On November 6, 2019, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) General President Harold Schaitberger spoke via telephone with FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel to discuss 911 location accuracy.

President Schaitberger expressed support for the Fifth Report and Order and establishing a +/- 3-meter z-axis metric. He reiterated comments made in previous IAFF filings that establishing such a metric would better protect the public as well as emergency responders. Specifically, the same technology that allows PSAPs to identify the location of a caller in distress will also help locate incapacitated fire fighters. Further, tests conducted in multi-story buildings with and without three-meter altitude information demonstrate dramatically decreased response times.

Schaitberger noted that, while fire fighters would find it helpful to have specific floor and room information for a wireless call in every circumstance, such capabilities do not currently exist. The proposed three-meter metric would provide fire fighters and other emergency responders with technology which can measurably improve response time and save lives today.

Schaitberger further noted that three-meter accuracy provides fire fighters a sufficient metric for a response, as standard fire fighting operations require responders to conduct search operations and address potential fire extension one floor above and one floor below any working fire. Even with precise floor level information, fire fighters in a multi-story building would operate over three floors.

Schaitberger also expressed support for the Commission's Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and potentially tightening the z-axis metric over time as technology evolves. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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