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Re: PS Docket No. 07-114, Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements

The Florida Sheriffs Association submits this letter of support for the Commission's proposal to mandate improvements in wireless indoor location accuracy performance. Florida Sheriffs believe that the current lack of indoor location accuracy information is a critical public safety concern and that the Commission should implement the proposed indoor location accuracy rules as soon as possible.

It is now easier than ever for victims to reach 911, but harder than ever for responders to locate them. This sad irony is due to the fact that most 911 calls come from mobile phones where existing indoor location systems are least able to provide accurate results. Our experiences as Sheriffs tells us that citizens may be too frightened or they may be in shock and physically unable to relay their precise location. This lack of wireless indoor accuracy information results in delayed responses at times when every second is critical for first responders to react.

It is not acceptable to delay making improvement to a lifesaving service such as 911 because there are disagreements over specific search ring distances. The proposed requirement of location accuracy within 50 meters for indoor wireless calls will provide substantial improvement over the status quo.

The past three years have been spent testing and validating technologies and providing the Commission with a persuasive record that includes technical information showing that the proposed rule are achievable. The Commission's proposed rules are an essential near-term action that will improve the ability of public safety entities to serve citizens in need. Sheriffs' ability to quickly and safely respond to calls for help is a sacred duty. The Commission should adopt these proposed rules as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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