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J. Scott Finlayson
Chief of Police

April 6, 2001

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 00-32

98-237

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing you on behalf of the City of Springville, Utah Department of Public Safety to express our concern about the FCC's intension to auction 50 MHz of spectrum in the 4940-4990 MHz (4.9 GHz) band, rather than allocating this critically needed spectrum to public safety for new broadband public safety applications.

The Springville Department of Public Safety serves a community of 23,000 persons in a major metropolitan area on the Wasatch Front. We currently have over 30 full-time and 65 Part-time emergency personnel. Springville is a rapidly growing area, with a current growth rate of 6%. As such, radio spectrum and need for public safety communications is currently at an all time high. Increased spectrum is needed in for future growth in our area.

Back in 1996, the public safety community identified the need for 95 MHz of additional spectrum to meet our communications needs over the next ten years. Of this amount, the greatest need will be for advanced wideband and broadband technologies. To date, the FCC has allocated 24 MHz to public safety users in the new 746 MHz band. There are new emerging broadband technologies and applications appearing on the horizon that will require significantly wider bandwidths than this allocation.

Several of our representative public safety organizations, including APCO, IACP, and Major Cities Chiefs, have recently urged the FCC to allocate 50 MHz at 4.9 GHz for broadband public safety applications.

We fully support the above public safety organizations and we also urge you and the Commission to recognize our broadband spectrum needs and allocate this much needed 4.9 GHz band to the public safety community. Obtaining this spectrum is a critical step for public safety agencies such as ours to access these new advanced broadband solutions for our mission critical applications.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Finlayson
Director of Public Safety/Police Chief

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Re: WT Docket No. 00-32

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Town of Addison, Texas Fire Department to express our concern about the FCC's intention to auction 50 MHz of the spectrum in the 4940-4990 MHz (4.99GHz) band rather than allocating this critically needed spectrum to public safety for broadband public safety applications.

The Town of Addison is approximately 4.8 square miles and protects a daytime population of approximately 125,000 with a fulltime population of just over 14,000. Addison serves as corporate headquarters for such companies as CompUSA, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Motel 6, Pizza Hut, Ameri-Serve Food Corporation, PageNet and others. The Addison Fire Department delivers emergency medical and fire protection services to our Town and portions of surrounding cities. Due to the fact that our small Town is heavily populated with high-rise corporate complexes, we must rely on state-of-the-art communications technology in order to carry out our mission.

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There are new emerging broadband technologies and applications that are the future of public safety. These technologies will require significantly wider bandwidths. Technology such as personal area networks will offer life saving advantages over our current communication methods. Wireless local area networks will offer critical information to public safety professionals while enroute to emergencies and while operating at such incidents. Dedicated spectrum to public safety organizations is required for these applications. We cannot rely on unlicensed spectrum for our mission critical life safety applications.

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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
April 5, 2001
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The Town of Addison Fire Department urges you and the Commission to recognize our broadband spectrum needs and allocate this much-needed 4.9 GHz band to the public safety community. Obtaining this spectrum is a critical step for public safety agencies such as ours to access these new advanced broadband solutions for our mission critical life safety applications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noel Padden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Noel" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Padden".

Noel Padden
Fire Chief

CC: Office of the Secretary
Ms. Magalie Roman Sallas

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March 26, 2001

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 00-32

98-237

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing you on behalf of the City of Lawrence Fire Department to express our concern about the FCC's intention to auction 50 MHz of spectrum in the 4940-4990 MHz (4.9 GHz) band, rather than allocating this critically needed spectrum to public safety for new broadband public safety applications.

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Mark W. Ditzel, Chief

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