

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)
)
Alert Devices International Corporation) DA 04-37
Petition for Rulemaking on Emergency)
Vehicle Signaling Service)

To: Media Bureau

COMMENTS OF APCO

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. (“APCO”) hereby submits the following brief comment in response to the Media Bureau’s above-captioned *Public Notice*, released January 9, 2004, requesting comment regarding a Petition for Rulemaking of Alert Devices International Corporation (“ADiCorp”).

APCO is the nation’s oldest and largest public safety communications organization. Founded in 1935, APCO has over 16,000 members, most of who are state or local government employees who manage and operate communications systems for police, fire, emergency medical and other public safety agencies. APCO is a FCC-certified frequency coordinator for Part 90 Public Safety Pool channels, and often appears before the Commission on matters related to public safety communications.

ADiCorp has requested rule changes to permit use of an Emergency Vehicle Signaling Service that would allow emergency vehicles to transmit a warning directly to motorists through their AM or FM radios. ADiCorp explains that traditional lights and sirens are often insufficient to notify motorists of oncoming emergency vehicles. APCO agrees that this would be a very useful service, and recommends that the Commission

proceed with a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the issues raised in the ADiCorp petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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