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I am a retired police Captain in Anchorage, Alaska. I am active in seeking technology that can assist law enforcement agencies do their job in a safer, more effective manner. I am finding that some outdated FCC regulations may be a barrier to protecting both police officers and the public.

I offer three examples.

First, the ability to open an automatic garage door when needed to enter a facility to serve a warrant or effect a hostage rescue can be critical. The rules that govern garage door openers are governed by the FCC. We need an exception to those rules in a police emergency.

Second, the ability to limit a suspect's ability to make or receive cell phone calls is critical. Officers go to great risk to introduce a "throw phone" into a barricaded subject only to find the suspect is already calling out or receiving text messages on a cell phone and endangering other police and the public. Technology exists to put an electronic "bubble" around a suspect without impacting cell towers, but currently FCC rules restrict this option.

Third, electronic devices exist that can help detect if a left behind package contains a cell phone initiated improvised explosive device (IED). However, even gaining an experimental usage license to test such equipment is an obstacle to police bomb squads.

Such a device as a garage door "overmaster", a cell phone "electronic bubble" or better IED detection equipment is already available and would reduce the risk of injury or even death to police, victims, suspects and the public. Such devices, might be used infrequently, but when used could save lives and would minimize damage.

These are real world problems for public safety, the FCC can help by granting a useable "public safety exception" to rules restricting the use of such electronic devices.

Regards,

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