

Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014
Subject: FCC Adopts New Rules for Deployment of Text-to-911

On August 8, 2014, the FCC adopted rules to promote widespread text-to-911 availability in a Report & Order requiring text messaging providers and certain Internet protocol-based text apps to enable Americans to text 911 in an emergency.

The FCC also adopted a 3rd Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that seeks comment on additional issues concerning the provision of text-to-911, including the delivery of location information, support for text-to-911 when roaming, and future texting services, such as real-time text communications.

The due dates for public comments will be announced when available.

Links to the Report & Order & Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

Word: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-14-118A1.docx

PDF: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-14-118A1.pdf

Text: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-14-118A1.txt

Link to the Chairman's and the Commissioners' statements:
(available in Word, PDF and Text)

<http://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-adopts-text-911-rules>

Links to the News Release:

Word: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-328755A1.docx

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For further information, contact Rochelle Cohen, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, either at 202-418-1162 or email Rochelle.Cohen@fcc.gov. You may also call the ASL Consumer Support Line via videophone at 844-4-FCC-ASL (844-432-2275) or 202-810-0444. More information is available at the FCC's webpage on text-to-911: <http://www.fcc.gov/text-to-911>.