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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ALERTING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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On April 10, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) released a report on its investigation into the January 13, 2018, false ballistic missile alert that was sent throughout Hawaii using the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts.[1] The report identified best practices to guard against false alerts and to mitigate the consequences of false alerts if they do occur. In the report and in a companion Public Notice, PSHSB stated that it would host a public roundtable to encourage awareness of those best practices, share lessons learned, and promote a continued dialogue among stakeholders.[2] This Public Notice announces the agenda and panelists for the May 15, 2018, roundtable discussion of emergency alerting best practices and to develop effective partnerships.

1:00 p.m.   **Welcome and Overview**

        Lisa M. Fowlkes, Chief, PSHSB

1:05 p.m.   **Opening Remarks**

        Ajit V. Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

1:15 p.m.   **Roundtable 1: Benefits of Proficiency Training and Best Practices for Testing**

The FCC will begin by providing an overview of the FCC rules governing the testing and delivery of Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). The session will then open a roundtable discussion of panelists' experience and the benefits of emergency alerting proficiency training. The panel will discuss lessons learned from the Hawaii false missile incident, including best practices for conducting proficiency training and testing. The panel will also share information regarding proficiency training resources.

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[1] *See* Report and Recommendations, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency January 13, 2018, False Alert (PSHSB rel. Apr. 10, 2018) https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-350119A1.pdf.

[2] *Id*. at 25 para. 41. *See Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces Emergency Alerting Roundtable Discussion*, Public Notice, DA 18-352 (PSHSB rel. Apr. 10, 2018).

Moderators: **Gregory Cooke and John A. Evanoff, Deputy Chiefs, Policy and Licensing Division, PSHSB**

<u>Participants</u>

- **Dennis Bookey**, Alaska State Emergency Communications Committee
- **Holly Crawford**, San Diego County, CA, Office of Emergency Services
- **Nick Crossley**, Hamilton County, Ohio, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency
- **Ryan Hirae**, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
- **Chris Leonard**, Hawaii Association of Broadcasters
- **Henry "Hank" O'Neill**, California Office of Emergency Services
- **C. Pat Roberts**, Florida Association of Broadcasters
- **Dr. Christopher Rodriguez**, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
- **Patrick Sheehan**, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency
- **Jody Smith**, Federal Emergency Management Agency

2:45 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. <u>**Roundtable 2: Effective Coordination and Partnerships**</u>

This session will discuss how emergency alerting stakeholders – including federal, state, and local emergency managers, and communications providers – can form effective partnerships.

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<u>Participants</u>

- **John Davis**, Sprint
- **Mike Gerber**, National Weather Service
- **Courtney Harrington**, Hawaii State Emergency Communications Committee
- **Robert Morse**, Verizon
- **Courtney Neville**, Competitive Carriers Association
- **Mark Reddish**, APCO International
- **Howard Rosenblum**, National Association of the Deaf
- **Justin Sasso**, Colorado Broadcasters Association
- **Andy Scott**, NCTA – The Internet and Television Association
- **Russell J. Strickland**, Maryland Emergency Management Agency
- **Wade Witmer**, Federal Emergency Management Agency

4:30 p.m. <u>**Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**</u>

Nicole McGinnis, Deputy Chief, PSHSB

The meeting is open to the public, but admittance will be limited to seating availability. Audio/video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from

the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. The FCC's webcast is free to the public. Audience members in attendance will have an opportunity to ask questions of the participants directly, and audience members participating via webcast may email event-related questions to emergencyalerting@fcc.gov. Depending on the volume of questions and time constraints, the discussion moderators will work to respond to as many questions as possible during the workshop.

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For additional information about the roundtable discussion, please contact John A. Evanoff, Deputy Chief, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau at (202) 418-0848 or John.Evanoff@fcc.gov.

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