



ENFORCEMENT BUREAU



ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER FCC CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN

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Enforcement Bureau Overview

- **Mission:** Investigate and respond quickly to possible violations of the Communications Act, as amended, and the Commission's rules and orders.

- **A Stepped up Approach under Chairman Martin has Produced Significant Results:**
 - Over 7,100 enforcement actions, including NALs and Consent Decrees
 - More than 12,600 inspections
 - Almost 850 cases successfully resolving public safety and other interference issues
 - Over \$151 million in proposed fines and forfeitures



Promoting More Efficient Use of the Spectrum through Enforcement

- **Unauthorized Provision of Service/Equipment**
 - Almost \$22 million in forfeitures for providing unauthorized service
 - \$19.6 million in Consent Decrees to resolve investigations into whether certain satellite radio receivers complied with FCC technical equipment requirements
 - 170 investigations regarding unauthorized equipment

- **Unauthorized Transfer of Control**
 - Over 15 unauthorized transfer of control enforcement actions, proposing forfeitures totaling \$565,000

- **Auction Collusion**
 - Acted to enforce the Commission's auction collusion rules, proposing forfeitures totaling \$65,000



Helping Transition to DTV

■ DTV Labeling Enforcement

- Nearly 4,400 retailer inspections
- Over 350 citations
- Over \$4.7 million in NALs and Consent Decrees

■ DTV Tuner Enforcement

- NALs and Consent Decrees against eight companies totaling more than \$3.7 million

■ DTV Consumer Education Enforcement

- NAL for \$51,000 for failure to notify customers of the transition
- Commission is considering \$11.25 million of fines collectively against seven companies for notification failures



**THE DIGITAL TV
TRANSITION**

What You Need To Know About DTV



Helping Transition to DTV

- **DTV V-Chip Enforcement**
 - NALs and Consent Decrees against 10 companies totaling almost \$5 million
- **DTV Consumer Outreach**
 - Over 10,000 visits to consumer centers – including senior centers and libraries
 - 2,100 presentations held or scheduled by Field Office Staff throughout the U.S.





Addressing Public Safety Needs

- **Wireless and VoIP E911**
 - NALs and Consent Decrees totaling over \$4 million
- **Interference to Public Safety Communications**
 - Responded to almost 850 cases and proposed monetary forfeitures totaling nearly \$50,000
 - Provided communications interference resolution at national security events
- **Emergency Alert System, Tower Lighting, Fencing, and Radio Frequency Radiation Enforcement**
 - Over 8,200 compliance inspections conducted throughout the country
 - Forfeitures totaling nearly \$2.5 million
- **ESF-2**
 - Provided on-the-ground leadership and ongoing support in resolving communications infrastructure needs stemming from natural disasters





Protecting Consumers from Harm

- **Pursue Violations of the Do-Not-Call, Pre-Recorded Advertisements and Junk Fax Requirements**
 - Nearly 2800 Citations issued
 - Close to \$20 million in proposed forfeitures
- **Protect Consumers' Sensitive, Personal Information**
 - Over 5,000 CPNI carrier compliance certifications reviewed
 - 25 proposed forfeitures totaling over \$2.1 million





Protecting Consumers from Harm

- **Broadcast Obscenity, Profanity and Indecency**
 - Proposed forfeitures to more than 150 different licensees and affiliates totaling almost \$5.4 million

- **Sponsorship ID/Payola**
 - \$12.5 million in Consent Decrees with strong compliance plans
 - NALs for improper use of video news releases

- **Cable Services**
 - Proposed forfeitures of \$67,500 for unlawfully reducing the service provided to CableCard subscribers without notice or reducing the rates charged for that service



Enforcement Bureau Staff

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the Enforcement Bureau's staff and managers!

THANK YOU!!!