



## Public Safety Wireless Network

*Saving Lives and Property Through Improved Interoperability*

March 28, 2001

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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
TW-A325  
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**Re: Ex Parte Meeting Notification  
WT Docket No. 96-86**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of the Public Safety Wireless Network (PSWN) Program and the PSWN Executive Committee (EC), and pursuant to Section 1.1204–1.206 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204-1.1206 (2000), this is to inform the Commission that on March 23, 2001, Steven Proctor, Michael Morgan, and Gregory Bishop of the EC; Derek Siegle, PSWN Program Manager, Department of Justice, and David Pickeral, Booz·Allen & Hamilton PSWN Program Support met with Commissioner Gloria Tristani and Adam Krinsky, Commissioner Tristani’s Legal Advisor on International and Wireless Issues.

As per the PSWN Program’s December 27, 2000 ex parte letters to then-Chairman Kennard, then-Commissioner Powell, and the other individual Commissioners in the above-referenced proceeding, the participants discussed the availability of additional dedicated spectrum for public safety usage, as well as the development of technical standards for public safety equipment.

The PSWN Program participants related their own experiences in trying to bring emerging generation equipment on line, and how these efforts were and would continue to be hampered by the need for additional spectrum.

The PSWN Program participants noted the necessity to develop communications interoperability both for day-to-day operations, as well as for incident management, to include wildfire suppression, mutual aid situations, and the upcoming Olympics in Utah. They noted that standards need to be improved and in place as soon as possible so that public safety users can make appropriate and cost-effective purchases from vendors.

The PSWN Program, by way of comparison, also cited the ongoing problems in the 800 MHz band, and expressed the hope that the lessons learned from this band could guide the formation of rules and policies for the 700 MHz band addressed in the current proceeding, and for other public safety bands.

Copies of the PSWN Program's recent publications, *Public Safety Radio Spectrum: A Vital Resource for Saving Lives and Protecting Property*, and *Public Safety Wireless Communications Standards Awareness Guide*, were provided to the FCC staff. These publications are available to the public free of charge via the PSWN Program web site (<http://www.pswn.gov>), or by calling 1-800-565-PSWN.

Should you require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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