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National Emergency
Number Association 

9-1-1 Association Participates in Wireless E9-1-1 Grant Program

COLUMBUS, Ohio (August 15, 2002)—The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) announced today that it has accepted a grant from Wireless E-911: The PSAP Readiness Fund. NENA will use these funds to supplement and strengthen the Association's efforts to foster implementation of wireless enhanced 9-1-1 services across the country. Specifically, NENA will use this grant to expand activities already initiated under a contract with the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), and will include the delivery of focused technical assistance to those states struggling with implementation issues, the resolution of technical, telecommunication-based problems where such are barriers to deployment, and increased education and training for 9-1-1 public safety answering points (PSAPs).

The PSAP Readiness Fund was established by Nextel Communications to assist PSAPs and other parties committed to the timely implementation of wireless enhanced 9-1-1. The Fund is administered by a newly organized, independent, nonprofit social welfare corporation established for this purpose. The Fund is directed by a board that includes, among others, representation from Giuliani Partners LLC.

“Being properly applied, these funds will be used specifically to help promote and foster wireless E9-1-1 services throughout the country,” said John Melcher, NENA president and deputy director of the Greater Harris County (TX) 9-1-1 Network.

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A not-for-profit corporation, the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) is the only educational organization dedicated solely to the study, advancement and implementation of 9-1-1 as America's universal emergency number. With the participation of a wide variety of stakeholders and public safety entities, NENA has an individual membership of more than 7,000 public safety executives, and is organized into 48 chapters. The organization strives to provide an effective and accessible 9-1-1 service for North America, measuring its success in the lives saved by 9-1-1 each day. NENA also develops recommended operating standards and protocol for 9-1-1 services from its headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. Learn more at www.nena.org.