

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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National Emergency  
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# 9-1-1 Goes to Washington

*Federal focus on 9-1-1 issues heightens as NENA participates in DC events*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (January 30, 2003)—The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) will take part in exiting upcoming events in Washington regarding 9-1-1. NENA will host its upcoming “9-1-1 Goes to Washington” Critical Issues Forum February 23-25, 2003. This forum is an opportunity for 9-1-1 professionals from across America to participate in workshops and events highlighting the importance of 9-1-1 in regulatory, agency and legislative activities in Washington and at home. In addition, NENA will co-host the “E9-1-1 in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress: Celebrating 9-1-1 and Emergency Services in America” reception on Capitol Hill. Lastly, a congressional hearing on 9-1-1 is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25.

### NENA 9-1-1 Goes to Washington Critical Issues Forum

**Who:** The National Emergency Number Association (NENA). Confirmed forum speakers include:

- **Deborah Daniels**, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Kevin Martin**, FCC Commissioner
- **Sam Feder**, Legal Advisor
- **James Schlichting**, FCC Wireless Bureau Deputy Bureau Chief
- **Kris Monteith**, Associate Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
- **National Communications System (NCS)**

**When:** February 23-25, 2003

**Where :** Washington Hotel, 515 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC 20004-1099

**Why:** The “9-1-1 Goes to Washington” CIF is an opportunity to meet and talk with national leaders who are intimate with 9-1-1 issues, challenges and goals.

NENA President John Melcher, ENP, and First Vice President Richard Taylor, ENP, will be available for interviews on current 9-1-1 issues on Monday, Feb. 23.

### “E9-1-1 in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress” Reception

**Who:** Co-chairs of the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus United States Senators Conrad Burns and Hillary Clinton; along with United States Representatives Anna Eshoo and John

Shimkus; the National Emergency Number Association; the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus and other sponsors and public safety leaders.

**When:** February 24, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** 216 Senate Hart Building, Washington, DC

**Why:** Committing significant leadership, resources and energy to 9-1-1 and citizen activated emergency response the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress is pursuing an aggressive agenda for emergency services, communications policies and homeland security. Supporting and leading this agenda are the Co-Chairs of the E9-1-1 Congressional Caucus.

### **Congressional Hearing on E9-1-1 Readiness**

**Who:** Senator Conrad Burns, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Communications (Commerce Committee), Senator Conrad Burns

**When:** TBA

**Where:** TBA

**Why:** An update and inquiry of our nation's 9-1-1 services and systems.

### **Contact**

For press passes, to set up interviews with Mr. Melcher or Mr. Taylor or with questions, please call Sonya Carius, NENA Communications Manager, 800-332-3911, [sonya@nena.org](mailto:sonya@nena.org).

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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 46 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](http://www.nena.org).