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FCC Commissioner Adelstein and DHS Under Secretary Foresman Confirmed as Keynote Speakers at 4th Annual 9-1-1 Goes to Washington

Arlington, VA – FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for Preparedness George Foresman have been confirmed as the keynote speakers for the 4th Annual 9-1-1 Goes to Washington. The event will be held at the Hilton Crystal City in Arlington, VA on March 7th.

“We are delighted that Commissioner Adelstein and Under Secretary Foresman will be able to join us for this important event. Participants in the event will benefit greatly from their knowledge and wide-ranging expertise in emergency communications and homeland security issues,” said Robert Martin, Executive Director of NENA.

“The 9-1-1 Goes to Washington is a premier event in which hundreds of public safety personnel come to tell their stories to federal policy makers. They also get a chance to hear from important leaders such as Commissioner Adelstein and Under Secretary Foresman,” said Gregory L. Rohde, Executive Director of the E9-1-1 Institute.

Jonathan Adelstein was sworn in as a member of the FCC on December 3, 2002, and sworn in for a new five-year term on December 6, 2004. Before joining the FCC, Adelstein served for fifteen years as a staff member in the United States Senate. For the last seven years, he was a senior legislative aide to United States Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD), where he advised Senator Daschle on telecommunications, financial services, transportation and other key issues.

George Foresman was confirmed by the United States Senate to be Under Secretary for the Directorate of Preparedness at the Department of Homeland Security on December 19, 2005. He is a highly respected, veteran emergency management professional with more than twenty years of emergency preparedness experience at various levels of government. Most recently, he served as an Assistant to the Governor of Virginia for Commonwealth Preparedness and was responsible for the Commonwealth's emergency and disaster preparedness activities.

The 9-1-1 Goes to Washington Critical Issues Forum brings hundreds of the nation's 9-1-1 leaders together in a two day event highlighting key 9-1-1 regulatory and legislative issues. Participants learn how to best work with Congress and the Federal government on 9-1-1 issues and policy, and how to prepare their community for homeland security and new technology needs. The event will culminate on March 8th with a 9-1-1 Honor Awards Gala to recognize government leaders and everyday citizens whose work and life stories underscore the critical importance of E9-1-1 services. The Honor Awards Gala will be held at B-Smith's restaurant in historic Union Station on the evening of Wednesday, March 8th.

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About the National Emergency Number Association

NENA is *The Voice of 9-1-1*[™]. Now celebrating its 25th year, NENA was established to promote implementation and awareness of 9-1-1 as North America's universal emergency number. NENA has grown to become the leading professional non-profit organization dedicated solely to 9-1-1 emergency communications issues. NENA serves its more than 7,000 members in 46 chapters across the U.S. and Canada through policy advocacy, establishment of technical and operational standards, certification programs and a broad spectrum of educational offerings. Find out more at www.nena.org.

About the E9-1-1 Institute

The E9-1-1 Institute is a non-profit organization which exists to support the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus and assist in promoting public education on E9-1-1 and Emergency Communications issues. The Institute provides informal and administrative support to members of the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus as they pursue their mission of improving 9-1-1 emergency communications.