

National Emergency Number Association
The Voice of 9-1-1



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**David Jones Assumes Presidency of the National
Emergency Number Association**

Long Beach, CA – Today, David Jones, ENP (Emergency Number Professional) began his tenure as President of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). Addressing participants at NENA's 24th annual convention, Jones called for increased cooperation and collaboration among all parties involved in the public-private partnership that is 9-1-1. He said, "If we truly intend to advance E9-1-1, to surmount the challenges before us, to reach our goal of making E9-1-1 available to everyone, everywhere, at any time, we will need a great deal of cooperation, collaboration, and good faith effort."

Jones knows first hand the value of cooperation and collaboration for the success of 9-1-1. As the Director of Emergency Services for Spartanburg County, South Carolina, Jones was responsible for one of the first Phase II wireless enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) implementations in the country. A veteran of emergency services for over twenty years, Jones also serves as a local government representative on the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

Jones addressed the obstacles of the past and called for a forward looking approach in meeting today's challenges, stating, "We must always remain focused on our primary goal – the reason we created this organization some twenty-four years ago. That goal is as critical now as it was then. It started with 'One nation, One number'. And now we add, 'any device, from anywhere, at anytime'."

Jones takes over the presidency from Bill McMurray, ENP, Communications Manager of the Marin County Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Communications Center. McMurray leaves behind a legacy that can be summed up in one word – progress. During his time as President NENA successfully passed the ENHANCE 9-1-1 Act of 2004 authorizing the creation of a national 9-1-1 program office and a national 9-1-1 grant program. He also spearheaded the creation of NENA's Next Generation E9-1-1 Program and was a vocal leader for 9-1-1 at the FCC and with Congress on the issues of wireless and voice over IP (VoIP) E9-1-1.

Discussing the transition, McMurray said, "I leave NENA in good hands with David Jones. I count David as my number one partner on the NENA board. He is a friend, coach, mentor, ally, sparring partner and much more. I look forward to continue working with David in my role as a past President."

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About NENA

NENA's mission is to foster the technological advancement, availability, and implementation of a universal emergency telephone number system. In carrying out its mission, NENA promotes research, planning, training and education. The protection of human life, the preservation of property and the maintenance of general community security are among NENA's objectives. With more than 7,000 members in 46 chapters across the U.S. and Canada, NENA serves as "The Voice of 9-1-1" through policy advocacy, the establishment of national standards, certification and testing programs, and a wide variety of educational offerings. For more information, visit www.nena.org.