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Jason Barbour Elected to the Board of the National Emergency Number Association

Long Beach, CA – Today, Jason Barbour, ENP (Emergency Number Professional) was elected to the Executive Board of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). After taking the oath of office as NENA's second vice president, Barbour said, "I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the national 9-1-1 community. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the board to address the key issues that we face over the coming months." Barbour added, "With the recent FCC VoIP E9-1-1 Order, the coming wireless E9-1-1 deadline, the passage of the ENHANCE 911 Act of 2004, NENA's forward looking Next Generation E9-1-1 program and other national initiatives, this is truly an exciting time to be joining this board."

Barbour currently serves as the 9-1-1 Director for Johnston County, North Carolina where he manages the coordination of communications services for police, fire, and emergency medical services personnel. In this capacity, Barbour was responsible for leading a department that was the first 9-1-1 center in North Carolina to successfully receive a phase II wireless enhanced 9-1-1 call. Johnston County is also the first Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in the state to integrate emergency dispatch protocols for police, fire and EMS.

Barbour is also a Deputy Sheriff for the Johnston County Sheriff's Office, a fire fighter with the town of Clayton and an instructor for the National Academies of emergency Dispatch. Prior to being elected to the national NENA board, Jason served as the President of North Carolina NENA.

The NENA board said a fond farewell to its current President Bill McMurray and welcomed David Jones from Spartanburg County, South Carolina as its new president. In his speech, Jones 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'."

Discussing the new addition to the NENA board, Jones said, "Jason brings a wealth of knowledge and experiences to the NENA Executive Board. I look forward to working with him for the next several years."

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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.