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## ALLARD PRAISES 9-1-1 STUDY SENATOR RECOGNIZES COLORADO COMPANY FOR SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today praised the release of the National Emergency Number Associations's (NENA) Report Card to the Nation regarding the current and future status of 9-1-1 services in the United States.

"There cannot be enough said about the work that was done by NENA and the associations who worked on the Report Card to the Nation," Allard said. "Emergency 9-1-1 services are especially crucial to Colorado's rural communities."

Allard singled out Colorado company Intrado, Inc. for being a national leader in data management, network transaction technology for public safety and for providing real-time access to emergency services.

A Colorado 9-News and Associated Press report in July found that Denver alone exceeded 1.2 million calls to the city's communications center last year. Cellular phone and wireless technology contributed to the 33 percent increase in 9-1-1 calls in Denver over the last seven years.

"The technology for emergency services continues to improve and cellular and wireless services are allowing people to report emergencies in real time," added Allard. "This report can be used as a benchmark to focus on enhancing and developing 9-1-1 technology and services to better serve America's communities."

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