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*The Voice of 9-1-1*



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**David Jones Concludes Successful Year as National Emergency Number Association (NENA) President**  
*Leadership raised the importance of 9-1-1 issues nationally*

Arlington, VA – During the closing ceremony of NENA’s 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, last month NENA swore in a new Board of Directors, ending the term of NENA’s now Immediate Past President David Jones, ENP. “I couldn’t be more proud of all that NENA has accomplished in the past 12 months,” said Jones. “It’s a great organization with nearly 7,000 extremely dedicated members and a very knowledgeable and hard working staff. It was an honor to serve the NENA membership and work along side my colleagues on the NENA board.”

Jones, a well respected national 9-1-1 leader and Director of the Office of Emergency Services of Spartanburg County, South Carolina, spent his time in office working to improve emergency communications both at home and abroad. He traveled to India twice to assist local Hyderabad authorities in implementing a regional emergency number (1-0-8), and also to Brazil where he was invited to speak at a national telecommunications conference about creating a national emergency number system.

Domestically, Jones made frequent trips to Washington, DC, where he met with and worked alongside many key federal government leaders as an advocate for 9-1-1. During his term as President, which lasted from June 2005 until June 2006, he testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on the issue of Voice over IP (VoIP) 9-1-1 legislation. Jones also was in regular communication with FCC Chairman Kevin Martin and other FCC Commissioners and staff about the national deployment of enhanced 9-1-1 for VoIP and wireless service. Jones was also able to raise the profile of 9-1-1 in the broader homeland security debate in Washington through discussions with top Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials.

Additionally, Jones and his NENA colleagues worked closely with and provided valuable input to staff from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) within the Department of Transportation and the Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) as they work to establish a national 9-1-1 Program Office. The establishment of that office is one of the requirements of the ENHANCE 911 Act of 2004, legislation Jones was instrumental in seeing enacted while serving as NENA First Vice President. Jones also spent a significant amount of time over the past 12 months seeking to ensure the other important aspect of the ENHANCE 911 Act comes to fruition, federal grants for 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). While there is still a lot of work to be done on that front, under Jones’ leadership Congress provided \$43.5 million in federal 9-1-1 grants, the first ever 9-1-1 specific federal funding.

Finally, David Jones showed a commitment to leading NENA and the entire 9-1-1 industry into the next generation of 9-1-1 and emergency communications. Jones ensured that the NENA Next Generation (NG) E9-1-1 Program and other NENA Technical Committee work on next generation issues is a top priority. Additionally, he successfully advocated for legislation that will require a

report from the national 9-1-1 Program Office to Congress on issues related to the migration to a fully IP-enabled NG 9-1-1 system. "Moving from the current 9-1-1 system to a more advanced NG 9-1-1 system requires vision and leadership, two qualities David Jones always brings to the table," said NENA Executive Director Robert Martin. "David Jones' passion and commitment to 9-1-1 are virtually unmatched," added Martin. "He is a credit to our association and to our industry."

Jones will continue to sit on the Board of Directors this year in the position of Immediate Past President and plans to remain an active part of the NENA membership after his tenure on the Board is concluded.

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### **About the National Emergency Number Association**

NENA is *The Voice of 9-1-1*<sup>™</sup>. Now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nena.org).