

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554 Office of Native Affairs and Policy

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Subject: FCC Open Meeting Digest: March 27, 2025

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission's Office of Native Affairs and Policy.

The most recent FCC open meeting was on March 27, 2025. At the meeting, the Commission took action on the following items:

Steps to Improve Next Generation 911

- In its continuing effort to protect public safety and national security, the FCC proposed rules to ensure the reliability, interoperability, and accessibility of Next Generation 911 (NG 911) networks. All across the country, legacy 911 technology is being replaced by NG911, which can support text, video and data that help local authorities better respond to emergency assistance. The proposed rules are intended to ease the transition while also ensuring that no critical public safety network vulnerabilities are inadvertently created. The proposed rules will also help facilitate sharing of critical emergency information with state and local officials and help them more easily address reliability and interoperability concerns within their respective jurisdictions.
- Comments due: May 13, 2025; Reply Comments due: June 12, 2025.
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Strengthen 911 Location Accuracy Rules

- In another public safety related item, the FCC also proposed action to help first responders
 better locate wireless 911 callers. Expanding on prior work on location accuracy, this further
 inquiry seeks to ensure that first responders receive accurate and actionable information that
 will enable first responders to quickly and precisely locate individuals in emergencies to reduce
 response times and save lives.
- Comments due: April 28, 2025; Reply Comments due: May 28, 2025.
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FCC Explores GPS Alternatives

- Continuing its efforts to protect national security, the FCC launched a broad inquiry into possible alternatives to GPS that provide "position, navigation, and timing" (PNT) data. PNT is critical to a host of military, public safety, agricultural and commercial activities including many facets of modern American life. GPS is everywhere, and in the absence of alternatives, can be vulnerable to serious security and public safety related disruptions. The FCC's inquiry is intended to build a robust record on what actions it can take to strengthen GPS and promote other PNT technologies, "including FCC rule changes, public-private partnerships, testbeds, Innovation Zones, and more."
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