

RESPONDING TO MEDIA REQUESTS

I fully support the recent order of the Federal Communications Commission because it will lead to much-needed improvement to our country's 9-1-1 networks.

I am a member of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. (APCO) and currently serve as [describe your position, role, and agency]. I have worked as a public safety professional for [time], and my primary responsibilities are [complete]. [indicate any other prior or concurrent roles in emergency response, such as in law enforcement, fire, or EMS].

Therefore I am very knowledgeable of the importance of having accurate location information delivered with wireless 9-1-1 calls to best ensure a rapid and effective response.

I am proud that APCO took a leadership role in working with the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the largest wireless service providers to develop a "Roadmap for Improving E911 Location Accuracy" that focused on providing a dispatchable location in the most effective manner. As professionals working at Public Safety Answering Points, handling 9-1-1 calls and emergency dispatch communications on a daily basis, APCO members understand what's needed.

I can attest to the fact that for wireless 9-1-1 calls placed from indoors, "dispatchable location" is the gold standard for public safety, and what is required to get first responders to the emergency.

It is also important to me that any solution is technology-neutral, and moves public safety off of its traditional dependence on single-source, proprietary solutions.

The FCC's Order fully promotes all of these goals. The FCC's action will make a real difference to me and the constituents my agency serves by being better equipped to serve and protect the public.