

FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION 4
Public Safety Advisory Committee
September 25, 2012

WHEREAS, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) empowers the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to "exercise, through the actions of its Board, all powers specifically granted by the provisions of this subtitle, and such incidental powers as shall be necessary;"

WHEREAS, the Act requires FirstNet to establish a standing public safety advisory committee to assist it in carrying out its duties and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, SAFECOM is a stakeholder-driven emergency communications program of the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications and Office for Interoperability and Compatibility primarily comprised of groups composed of State and local emergency responders and intergovernmental and national public safety communications associations that convene to discuss interoperability, emergency communications, and provide input on the challenges, needs, and best practices of emergency responders.

WHEREAS, SAFECOM has proposed that FirstNet consider designating SAFECOM as the advisory committee required by the Act;

WHEREAS, SAFECOM membership encompasses public safety agencies, individuals, and major associations across all disciplines and levels of government;

WHEREAS, SAFECOM has been serving in an advisory role to the Federal government for years;

WHEREAS, SAFECOM is comprised of organizations and individuals that are already focused on key issues of importance to FirstNet and can immediately begin the work of the advisory committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of FirstNet designates a subgroup of SAFECOM as its public safety advisory committee and further directs the Chairman to: (1) work with the Department of Homeland Security to establish the Committee and (2) appoint, after consultation with the Board, the Chairman and Vice Chairs of the Committee.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the First Responder Network Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Responder Network Authority on September 25, 2012, at which a quorum was present and voted.



Uzoma Oryezor, Secretary