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THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF CRITICAL D BLOCK LEGISLATION

Alexandria, Va. – Today, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) joins with the Public Safety Alliance (PSA) (of which NSA is a member) and multiple other public safety organizations to applaud Senator John D. Rockefeller (D-WV) on the re-introduction of the **Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2011 (S. 28)**.

The **Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2011** would allocate the 10MHz of spectrum known as the D Block to public safety and provide the funding necessary for the creation and implementation of a nationwide public safety interoperable mobile broadband network, which will assist public safety to continue to protect their communities nationwide. Working with Senator Rockefeller; Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT); Senator John McCain (R-AZ); Congressman Peter King (R-NY); and a multitude of other leaders on both sides of the aisle in both chambers, NSA continues to advocate for swift consideration and enactment of this long overdue action.

"Interoperability needs to be coast to coast; border to border; urban, suburban, and rural. Public safety can no longer continue to operate without the ability to communicate effectively and efficiently amongst each other," stated Story County, IA Sheriff Paul H. Fitzgerald, First Vice President of the National Sheriffs' Association and NSA's representative on the Public Safety Alliance. "The allocation of the D Block to the public safety community is the significant and necessary step forward to achieve this goal; obtain interoperability; and create a nationwide public safety interoperable mobile broadband network. We thank Senator Rockefeller for his continued and unwavering support of the public safety community and strongly urge Senators to support this vital legislation."

National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) is the one of the largest association of law enforcement professionals in the United States, representing more than 3,000 elected sheriffs across the nation, and a total membership of more than 20,000. NSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their deputies, and others in the field of criminal justice and public safety. Throughout its sixty-eight-year history, NSA has served as an information clearinghouse for sheriffs, deputies, chiefs of police, other law enforcement professionals, state governments and the federal government.

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