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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION
SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association recognizes the importance of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) and that NG9-1-1 technologies offer significant potential benefits to law enforcement agencies in fulfilling their mission, and;

WHEREAS, NG9-1-1 technologies increase officer safety; enhance public safety; ensure the better delivery of caller information to the responder officer; improve resource management; improve interoperability; enhance evidence capture and investigations capabilities; and will lead to further public safety benefits from future innovations in officer safety, and;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association, along with fellow public safety stakeholders, participated in the U.S. Department of Transportation's/Transportation Safety Advancement Group's Next Generation 9-1-1 "What's Next" Forum in September 2010, and;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association recognizes the initial recommendations developed in collaboration with our fellow stakeholder groups during the "What's Next" Forum, and;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association recognizes the critical importance of further stakeholder input from law enforcement and other emergency responder groups in developing a NG9-1-1 system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the development of a Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) System, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association appreciates and commits to the opportunity for continued representation, input and collaboration in ongoing efforts to prioritize the need to communicate the benefits of NG9-1-1 to sheriffs and public safety nationwide.

Next Generation 9-1-1 (abbreviated NG9-1-1) refers to an initiative aimed at updating the [9-1-1](#) service infrastructure in the [United States](#) and [Canada](#) to improve public emergency communications services in a wireless mobile society. In addition to calling 9-1-1 from a phone, it intends to enable the public to transmit text, images, video and data to the 9-1-1 center (referred to

as a [Public Safety Answering Point](#), or PSAP, which is predominately operated by the office of sheriff – especially in rural areas).

This NG9-1-1 infrastructure is intended to replace the current services over time so agreement on interoperability and standards are essential now. The [National Emergency Number Association](#) (NENA) first identified the need for NG9-1-1 in 2000, and started development actions in 2003, and is nearing full definition and standards for NG9-1-1. Since 2006, the [US Department of Transportation](#) (DOT) has been leading their NG9-1-1 Initiative, a research and development project aimed at advancing NG9-1-1.