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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 systems of the United States are critical infrastructure and while a model for the entire world, lack the advanced functionality, interoperability, and capabilities that come with the adoption of new digital communications technologies; and

WHEREAS, communications technologies currently available to the public have substantially outpaced the legacy communications technologies still used by most emergency communications centers in the 9-1-1 systems of the United States; and

WHEREAS, modernizing the 9-1-1 systems of the United States to incorporate the new and evolving capabilities of broadband voice and data communications is essential for the safety and security of the public; and

WHEREAS, a holistic approach to cybersecurity is invaluable to the efficacy of Next Generation 9-1-1 systems; and

WHEREAS, preservation of state, regional and local control over the governance and technology choices of the 9-1-1 systems is paramount; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of Next Generation 9-1-1 includes CAD to CAD interoperability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NSA supports a dedicated federal funding stream to implement NG9-1-1 technology.