



March 31, 2006

Dear E9-1-1 Institute Member,

This week the E9-1-1 Institute was in Denton, Texas hosting an *Emergency Preparedness and Response Forum*. The forum, which was co-sponsored by **Representative Michael Burgess** (R-TX) and the **University of North Texas**, was an enormous success. Over 250 people including Mayors, Police and Fire Chiefs and Congressional staff attended. Also, E9-1-1 Institute *Citizen in Action* honoree for 2006 **Dustin Nelson** was also recognized by Representative Burgess for his heroic actions last year.

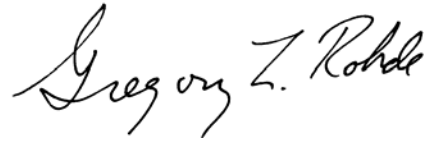
The forum explored a variety of emergency preparedness and public safety issues. Topics included: *Safeguarding the Public Health—Pandemics and Biohazards; Effective Management of Response to Natural Disasters--Public Safety and the Weather; Incorporating the Private Sector into Disaster Response and Local Implications of Distant Events*. **Dr. Paul Pepe** of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center provided the keynote address titled "**Anachronistic Catastrophes: The Past, Present & Future of Disaster Medicine**." The event was a great success and we look forward to future Hometown Security Forums.

Congressional action on VoIP and E9-1-1 is gearing up this week. Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX), Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, circulated draft legislation that includes:

- Provisions that make it a matter of statute that VoIP providers have a duty to provide their customers with access to 9-1-1 services;
- Requirements that VoIP providers have access to 9-1-1 infrastructure. This draft legislation; and
- Require the FCC to provide regular progress reports on the extent to which the FCC determines that the provision of E9-1-1 services over VoIP is not technically or operationally feasible.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee is expected to vote on this legislation next week. Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA), a co-chair of the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus, is considering offering some amendments that would strengthen the legislation with respect to facilitating VoIP E9-1-1 access. We will report on the Committee's action next week.

Thanks and keep in touch,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory L. Rohde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'G' and 'R'.

Gregory L. Rohde,
Executive Director



Upcoming NENA President Dr. Bill Munn and
E9-1-1 Executive Director Gregory L. Rohde



Representative Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) speaking while
Gary Wallace of ATX looks on.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"She is passionate about 9-1-1 and passionate about educating her community."

---Richard Taylor on Media/Entertainment honoree Kara Lusk

WEEKLY NEWS CLIPS:

National non-profit hosts forum at NT

The E9-1-1 Institute and Michael C. Burgess, R-Texas, hosted a "Hometown Emergency Preparedness & Response" Forum on Monday.

To read the North Texas Daily article:

<http://www.ntdaily.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2006/03/28/4428d8f12c468>

9/11 Tapes Revive Lost Voices, and Families' Pain

No, Joe and Marie Hanley decided at first, they would not listen to the 911 tape of their son, Chris, calling for help from Windows on the World.

To read the New York Times article:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/30/nyregion/30tapes.html?hp&ex=1143694800&en=461cef2cdf95b28&ei=5094&partner=homepage>

One Million Vonage Subscriber Lines Now Have E911

New Jersey-based VoIP service provider [Vonage](#) announced on Thursday that more than one million of its subscribers now have Enhanced 911 (E911) service, a feature that automatically associates a physical address with the calling party's telephone number.

To read CNET article: <http://news.tmcnet.com/news/2006/03/30/1521660.htm>

9-1-1 cell phone calls now answered locally

It used to be that if you made a 9-1-1 call from a cell phone in Union City, your call would be routed to an operator in Vallejo before reaching local authorities. On average, that would add at least one minute to each call.

To read the Bay Area.com article:

http://www.insidebayarea.com/dailyreview/localnews/ci_3641602

Upshur County 9-1-1 Mapping Progresses

The 9-1-1 mapping and addressing system for Upshur County is about to move into its second phase.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CTIA Wireless Convention:

April 5th-7th 2006

Las Vegas, NV

<http://www.ctiawireless.com/>

2006 Homeland & Global Security Summit

April 11th-12th 2006

Washington, D.C.

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IP Telephony Solutions for the Government Market:

April 18, 2006

NRECA Executive Conference Center in Arlington, VA

http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/conf_voip_april.htm

NENA Annual Conference:

June 11th-15th 2006

Pittsburgh, PA

<http://www.nena.org/Events/annualconference/index.htm>

WCA Conference:

June 27-30, 2006

Omni Shoreham Hotel

Washington, DC

<http://www.wcai.com/event/06/06gen.htm>

APCO Annual Convention:

August 6th-10th 2006

Orlando, FL

<http://www.apcointl.org/>

CTIA Wireless Convention:

September 12th to 14th 2006
Los Angeles, CA
http://www.ctiawireless.com/exhibit/other_ctia.cfm

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TRIVIA:

Question of the week: How many states are 100% E9-1-1 Capable?

Last week's question: What year was the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus created?

Answer: 2003