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# First Responder Requirements For E9-1-1 & Spectrum To Be Aired April 20 On *WCA Live!*

WASHINGTON, DC (April 20, 2007) –First responder requirements by fire, police and emergency workers for enhanced E9-1-1 and related communications will be the topic of today’s edition of *WCA Live!* – the radio webcast produced by the [Wireless Communications Association International](http://www.wcai.com) (WCA). Hosts of the show are WCA President Andrew Kreig and *My Technology Lawyer Radio* Producer Scott Draughon.

Joining the show at 2 p.m. (Eastern) on Friday will be:

- Gregory L. Rohde, Former Administrator, U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Executive Director, E9-1-1 Institute & President, e-Copernicus

As leader of the E9-1-1 Institute, Rohde works closely with the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus and first responders to enable E9-1-1 and emergency communications systems. Also, he is president of e-Copernicus, a telecom/broadband financing and government affairs consulting firm serving a range of domestic and international clients. It provides access to low-cost capital for business development and financing telecommunications and broadband projects for large and small telecommunications companies, municipal entities, and not-for-profit organizations. Also, he is former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and NTIA Administrator, and a former U.S. Senate senior legislative assistant. His leadership role at the United States Senate included key roles in the development of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Internet Tax Freedom Act, Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act and the LOCAL TV Act of 2000.

As additional background, the FCC plans to address proposals on the commission’s 700 MHz auction rules. “We understand that although the draft contains few final decisions, it narrows the focus by offering concrete proposals on remaining key issues, and proposes a bandplan that permits continued consideration of the Frontline proposal,” Stifel, Nicolaus & Company said in a research note. Under the DTV law, the auction of commercial spectrum must start by January 2008. The FCC is expected to vote on the item at its April 25 meeting.

*WCA Live!* hosts will provide at the beginning of the show a live news summary of the week’s developments most important to broadband wireless throughout the world. The [LISTEN LIVE](#) link takes a listener directly to the radio show stream. Listeners can call-in with questions at 866-685-7469, or send emails to [radio@MyTechnologyLawyer.com](mailto:radio@MyTechnologyLawyer.com). Archived versions of past shows are available at the listeners’ convenience: [Click here for Past Shows](#).

**About the E9-1-1 Institute.**

*The mission of the E9-1-1 Institute is to support the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus and assist in promoting public education on E9-1-1 and emergency communications issues. It does this by serving as an information clearinghouse on E9-1-1 and emergency communications issues and creating a forum for policy discussions related to E9-1-1 and emergency communications that will benefit public policy development. For details, visit: <http://www.e911institute.org>.*

**About the Wireless Communications Association International (WCA)**

*Founded in 1988, WCA represents the wireless broadband industry worldwide, with 250 member companies. Its annual convention **WCA 2007** is from June 12-15 in Washington, DC. Opportunities in the 700 MHz band and competing spectrum proposals before the FCC and Congress are summarized on WCA's [700 MHz Committee](#) website. For more information, visit: [www.wcai.com](http://www.wcai.com). Archived versions of past **WCA Live!** segments are available via [Past Shows](#).*

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