



CONGRESSIONAL E9-1-1 CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS URGE SENATE TO FUND E9-1-1 GRANTS

APCO and NENA Applaud Leadership of Co-Chairs and Support Request for Funding

July 12, 2006, Washington, DC -- Today the E9-1-1 Institute, NENA, and APCO sponsored a press conference with the co-chairs of the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus, Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT) and Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), and Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) to call upon the U.S. Senate to fund ENHANCE 911 grants. The Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus is seeking funding for the grant program that was established in 2004 under the ENHANCE 911 Act. Currently, only 50 percent of the counties in the United States have Phase II wireless E9-1-1 available. Thus, citizens in the remaining half of the country cannot have their 9-1-1 calls from cell phone located by their public safety answering point (PSAP).



At today's new conference, two dramatic recordings from recent 9-1-1 calls in Missouri demonstrated the implications on public safety when the latest wireless location technology has not been implemented. Senators Burns, Clinton, and Nelson all urged the Senate Appropriations Committee to provide federal funding that will assist local PSAPs in deploying the technology necessary to provide wireless E9-1-1. Despite that the grant program is authorized for up to \$250 million per year in funding, the Congress has yet to appropriate the funding.

