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E9-1-1 Institute Announces 2005 Board of Directors At Annual Congressional Technology Fair

Washington, DC – Eighteen companies and organizations displayed the latest emergency communications technologies to Congressional staff during the first annual E9-1-1 Institute Technology Fair, which was held on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, September 21, 2004. The purpose of this event was to educate Senators, Members of Congress, Hill staffers, Institute members, and others in the industry about the latest developments in emergency communications and location-detection technologies.

In conjunction with the Technology Fair, the Institute announced the election of a new Board of Directors, which will be formally installed on Friday, October 1st. The following individuals were elected by the Institute's membership to serve on the Board:

David Aylward, ComCARE Alliance

Tim Berry, Indiana State Treasurer

Mary Boyd, Intrado

Brian Fontes, Cingular Wireless

Laura Holloway, Nextel Communications, Inc.

John Merklinger, Director of Monroe County [NY] Emergency Communications Department

Janice Partyka, TechnoCom Corporation

Sue Pivetta, Professional Pride, Inc.

Art Prest, Rural Cellular Association

The new Board is comprised of 13 members, four of which are permanent, non-elected members. These permanent members include representatives of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA). The remaining permanent member is the Institute's Executive Director, Gregory L. Rohde.

"Our new Board of Directors is a broad and diverse group of individuals that come from various industry and public safety backgrounds. I look forward to working with the Board in promoting 9-1-1 services and continuing our work on emergency communications" said Rohde.

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The E9-1-1 Institute (www.e911institute.org) is a not-for-profit organization which provides administrative and policy support to the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus. The purpose of the E9-1-1 Institute is to promote public education and awareness of E9-1-1 and emergency communications issues and serve the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus as a facilitator of dialogue and clearinghouse of information. The Caucus is co-chaired by Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT), Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Congressman John Shimkus (R-IL) and Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA). Gregory L. Rohde, former Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, serves as the Institute's Executive Director.

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