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## **FCC TO HOLD BROADBAND FIELD HEARING ON IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

### *Event To Be Held In Conjunction With Georgetown University Medical Center*

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission today announced that it will host a broadband field hearing in conjunction with Georgetown University Medical Center on ***The Role of Broadband in Improving Public Safety Communications and Emergency Response***. The hearing will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Georgetown University, Leavey Center, 3900 Reservoir Rd, NW, Washington, D.C. 20057.

The hearing will focus on the specific broadband requirements for America's first responders and emergency medical personnel, as well as the use of particular technologies and applications to maximize use of broadband, the cost of implementing such communications technologies, and how the National Broadband Plan now being developed by the Commission can help bring attention to, and address, these critical public safety issues.

The hearing will be open to the public; admittance however will be limited to the seating available. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/live/>.

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