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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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Re: In the Matter of Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band; Consolidating the 800 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels; WT Docket No. 02-55; EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Please be advised that officers and staff of The International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. (IAFC), met with the following members and staff of the Commission on Friday, October 17, 2003 to discuss the Commission's WT Docket No. 02-55 rulemaking concerning resolution of interference to public safety communications in the 800 MHz band:

- Chairman Powell,
- Commissioner Copps and Paul Margie, Spectrum Legal Advisor,
- Sam Feder, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin,
- Jennifer Manner, Senior Counsel to Commissioner Abernathy,
- Barry Ohlson, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, and
- John Muleta, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Those attending on behalf of IAFC were:

- Chief Ernie Mitchell, President,
- Chief Julian Taliaferro, Treasurer,
- Chief Randy Bruegman, Immediate Past President,

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- Chief Larry Gorud, Director-at-Large, and
- Alan Caldwell, Director, Government Relations

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The IAFC representatives discussed the Consensus Plan submitted to the Commission by a broad coalition of Public Safety and Private Wireless representatives as the means to address and resolve the harmful interference being experienced by 800 MHz band licensees and IAFC's support for the Consensus Plan .

Should any additional information be required, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

s/s Martin W. Bercovici

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