



# ComCARE Alliance

Communications for Coordinated Assistance and Response to Emergencies

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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. and Cingular Wireless  
Merger : WT Docket No. 04-70 – Ex Parte Filing

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The ComCARE Alliance, a national emergency response coalition, is a non-profit alliance comprised of more than ninety organizations representing emergency physicians and nurses, state and local public safety and emergency management officials, a variety of citizen organizations, departments of transportation, and wireless, transportation and technology companies. A copy of our membership is attached. Our mission is to improve emergency communications and response through cooperation and new technologies. The ComCARE Alliance has been a leader in the promotion of life-saving communications technologies since its inception in 1998. The Alliance has demonstrated its capabilities and value in a number of complex projects including facilitating the development of emergency data standards involving the full range of emergency response agencies.

Cingular Wireless has been an active member of ComCARE almost since its inception. Indeed, one of the two wireless companies which formed Cingular was a founding member of ComCARE.

We have been impressed with Cingular's efforts in the safety area, including its extending coverage to eliminate dead zones, deploying Enhanced 9-1-1, introducing faster data services, and providing priority wireless service to emergency officials. We note that Cingular is in the front rank of Enhanced 9-1-1 service deployment and has a signed agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to provide Wireless Priority Service ("WPS"). Cingular is very involved in ComCARE activities. Just last week, Cingular sponsored our "Priority Data Summit". Thanks to Cingular's support, we were able to bring

together emergency response leaders from all professions and all levels of government (including the Commission) to discuss emergency response officials' future requirements for various levels of priority in emergency data communications.

Cingular's merger with AT&T Wireless will create the nation's largest wireless carrier. At today's meeting of the ComCARE Alliance Board of Directors, we considered this matter. We voted to support the merger and communicate that support to the Commission. We believe rapid Commission approval of the merger is in the public interest. We believe it will give Cingular more capability to address the safety challenges facing Americans.

Thank you for giving consideration to our request. Pursuant to the Commission's Rule 1.1206(b), this letter is being filed electronically.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Sue Hoyt, RN".

K. Sue Hoyt, PhD(c), FNP, CEN  
Chair

CC: Commissioners, John Muleta, ComCARE Board of Directors



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COMMUNICATIONS FOR COORDINATED ASSISTANCE AND RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES

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Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
Advocates for EMS  
Air & Surface Transportation Nurses Association  
Alexandria, Virginia Fire Department  
American Association for the Surgery of Trauma  
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
American Burn Association  
American College of Emergency Physicians\*  
American Heart Association  
American Public Health Association  
APCO International\*  
Association of Air Medical Services  
Assoc. of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Brain Injury Association  
Brain Trauma Foundation  
Coalition for American Trauma Care\*  
Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma  
Emergency Information Infrastructure Project  
Emergency Nurses Association\*  
Fraternal Order of Police  
Indiana Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board  
International Association of Emergency Managers\*  
International Brain Injury Association  
Journal of Trauma  
Los Angeles County (CA) Sheriff's Department  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)  
National Academies of Emergency Dispatch  
National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)\*  
National Association of EMTs

National Association of Governor's Highway Safety Representatives  
National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses  
National Association of State EMS Directors  
National Association of State Nine-One-One Administrators (NASNA)\*  
National Brain Injury Research, Treatment and Training Foundation\*  
National Conf. of States on Building Codes and Standards  
National Flight Nurses Association  
National Safety Council  
National Volunteer Fire Council  
North American EMS Employee Organization Network  
Orange County (FL) Fire/Rescue Department  
Orthopaedic Trauma Association  
Partnership for Public Warning  
Professional EMTs and Paramedics  
Richmond Ambulance Authority  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
State of Montana Public Safety Services Office  
Tennessee Emergency Communications Board  
The George Washington University Center for Emergency Preparedness  
The George Washington University (READI) Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute  
Towson University  
University Transportation Center for Alabama  
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA)  
Virginia NeuroCare, Inc.  
WSU Center to Bridge the Digital Divide

## Technology, Telecommunications and Transportation Members

American Automobile Association (AAA)  
ATX Technologies\*  
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