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National Emergency
Number Association



9-1-1 Association Announces 2000-01 Officers

New Executive Board will lead association goal of "One Nation—One Number"

COLUMBUS, Ohio (June 22, 2000)—The National Emergency Number Association (NENA), during a ceremony on June 14 at its Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, swore-in its 2000-01 Executive Board. The newly seated officials will guide the Association through the next year as 9-1-1 faces new technological and managerial challenges.

NENA welcomed new President, **Norm Forshee**, ENP*, 9-1-1 Coordinator for the **St. Clair County, Illinois**, Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB). President Forshee began his public safety career in 1963 and has extensive experience and knowledge of public safety communications and 9-1-1.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to lead the NENA Executive Board and the NENA membership," President Forshee said. "Each year, we continue to build our team with professionals and experts from all facets of the 9-1-1 and public safety industries."

A proven leader, Mr. Forshee has been key in a number of 9-1-1 system developments including several milestones achieved throughout 1999. These include the design and adoption of wireless 9-1-1 legislation for the State of Illinois, and the establishment of a process for ensuring Y2K compliance for the 9-1-1 centers under the St. Clair County ETSB.

Newly elected officers to the NENA Executive Board include Second Vice President **John Melcher**, ENP, Deputy Director of the **Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network** in **Houston, Texas**; and Southeastern Regional Vice President **Jim Goerke**, Executive Director of the **Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications** in **Austin, Texas**.

NENA also welcomed to office new First Vice President **Sharon Counterman**, ENP, Operations Director—Communications Bureau, **Las Vegas Metro Police Department**, **Las Vegas, Nevada**. **Bill McMurray**, ENP, Communications Dispatch Manager in the **Marin County Sheriff's Department**, **San Rafael, California**, was re-elected Western Regional Vice President.

"We are delighted to have these professionals leading NENA in our endeavors and challenges as we begin this new century," said W. Mark Adams, NENA Executive Director. "With our committed executive officers and dedicated membership, NENA is in a position to take 9-1-1 to the next level."

*ENP denotes Emergency Number Professional certification.

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NENA is the only organization dedicated solely to the promotion and implementation of 9-1-1 as America's universal emergency number. NENA's mission is to foster the development and implementation of 9-1-1 as a universal emergency number. NENA has more than 6,600 members, most of whom manage the 4,300 primary 9-1-1 centers that answer and process 9-1-1 calls. As a part of its mission, NENA also develops recommended operating standards and protocol for 9-1-1 services. NENA's international headquarters is located in Columbus, Ohio.