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**National 9-1-1 Organization Supports Passage of Ohio Wireless Bill**  
*Association Applauds Ohio Lawmakers and 9-1-1 Professionals for Responsible Policy*

**Press Briefing to be Held Wednesday, May 3, 2000**

**6767 Schrock Hill Court**

**Signature Inn, Westerville, Ohio**

Columbus, Ohio (May 1, 2000)—The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) is conducting a general press briefing on the safety of Ohio's cell phone users. As a part of the briefing, the national organization NENA will award members of Ohio's Public Safety community with a proclamation of support, acknowledging Ohio's public safety leaders. The press briefing will contain a presentation of audio tapes that illustrate the dramatic impact 9-1-1 has on America's citizens.

"NENA is excited to acknowledge the hard work of Ohio's Public Safety Community, and the members of the Ohio Legislature for their work on House Bill 310. Ohio, however, is well behind the curve in implementing and passing the necessary legislation that will enable our public safety officials to provide critical state-of-the art 9-1-1 services," said W. Mark Adams, Executive Director of NENA.

The FCC has recently clarified many of the rules governing wireless 9-1-1, and removed many of the prior obstacles for a nationwide 9-1-1 system that can locate cell phone users in times of emergency. Under current FCC rules, some degree of wireless location capability is required by October 1, 2001. Ohio currently has no existing provision for this requirement.

"Without the location technology provided for within House Bill 310, cell phone callers are at risk if they are not able to tell the 9-1-1 operator where they are," added Adams. To date, over 30 states have passed legislation that will make it possible to locate a cellular caller to 9-1-1. Ohio's citizens, and visitors traveling through Ohio, deserve that same level of protection," Adams concluded.

*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 7,000 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. For more information on House Bill 310, please see:*

<http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses/h0310-rh.pdf>

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