**Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC)**

Public Law 111-260  
Section 106

**EAAC Purpose**

For the purpose of achieving equal access to emergency services by individuals with disabilities, as a part of the migration to a national Internet protocol-enabled emergency network…the Chairman of the Commission shall establish an advisory committee, to be known as the Emergency Access Advisory Committee.

**EAAC Membership**

- Appointed by PN dated December 7, 2010
- The Chairman shall ensuring a balance between individuals with disabilities and other stakeholders
- Chairman shall designate two co-chairs: Richard Ray (NENA Accessibility Committee); David Dzumba (TIA)

**EAAC membership**

Membership must include:

1. State and local government and emergency responder representatives
2. Subject matter experts, and
3. Representatives of other stakeholders and interested parties.

**Subject matter experts**

- Providers of interconnected and non-interconnected VoIP services
- Vendors, developers, and manufacturers of systems, facilities, equipment and capabilities for the provision of VoIP services
- National organizations representing individuals with disabilities and senior citizens
- Federal agencies or departments responsible for the implementation of Next Generation 9–1–1
- National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Other individuals with such technical knowledge and expertise.

**National Survey**

- Within 1 year of December 7, 2010, EAAC must conduct a national survey of individuals with disabilities to determine the most effective and efficient technologies and methods by which to enable access to emergency services by individuals with disabilities.
- Must seek input from the subject matter experts (enumerated for the EAAC membership)
EAAC Recommendations

- Within year one, the EEAC must develop and submit recommendations (taking into account what is technically and economically feasible) to implement technologies and methods identified in the survey, including:
  - Actions necessary as a part of the migration to a national Internet protocol-enabled NG911 network to achieve reliable, interoperable communications transmitted over such network that will ensure access to emergency services by individuals with disabilities.
Emergency Access Issues

- Real-time Text (versus texting)
- Video Communications
- Telecommunications Relay Services
  - Video relay service
  - IP Relay service

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