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Re: Emergency Contact Information (ECON) White Paper

IHE ITI Technical Committee:

Numerous APCO International members have reviewed the ECON White Paper Draft for Public Comment Version 1.0. We applaud the Committee for their dedicated and collaborative work towards furthering mutual public safety goals. On behalf of APCO International, I would like to offer the following comments:

- APCO supports the development of a system that will allow law enforcement to achieve a significant reduction in the timeframe it takes to confirm the identity of unresponsive crash victims, provide personalized care and notify their emergency contacts.
- APCO supports leveraging for a secured, interoperable communications system, such as NLETS, to automate and streamline the process for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and/or on-scene law enforcement (through Mobile Data Terminals) to access the emergency contact information (ECON) for motor vehicle owners at the scene of a crash.
- APCO supports establishing a standards-based approach for PSAPs and/or law enforcement to exchange crash victim identity (ID) and emergency contact information (ECON) to on-scene emergency responders.

APCO International urges the IHE ITI Technical Committee to move forward with this initiative, provide continual communications regarding progress and continue to partner with and seek input from APCO and other public safety organizations.

Sincerely,

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