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#### NPSTC Criticizes CTIA's 911 Location-Accuracy Petition

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council has criticized CTIA's petition for reconsideration asking the FCC to reconsider its 911 z-axis, or vertical, rules and deployment timelines. The trade group made the request in a petition for reconsideration that cited testing delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the inability of technologies to be ready to meet the FCC-mandated location-accuracy metric (*TR Daily*, Sept. 29). "NPSTC is disappointed that CTIA and the wireless carriers are again trying to delay implementation of the roadmap for location services initiated in 2014," NPSTC Chair Ralph Haller said in a statement. "CTIA states in its petition for reconsideration that, 'wireless providers are delivering increasingly accurate location information with wireless 9-1-1 calls.' While that assertion is debatable, even if somewhat true, the carriers have had six years fully to meet the z axis requirements. The FCC should reject this CTIA petition for reconsideration, retain the April 3, 2021, deadline, and initiate enforcement actions for carriers not meeting the 2021 requirements. This is a life and death issue that has already taken too long to implement."

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