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**NG911 INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES 2018 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

**Washington, DC** - The Next Generation 911 Institute (NG911 Institute) is pleased to announce the results of its 2018 Board of Directors election. Joe Marx, AT&T, was reelected in the Consumer Telco category and was subsequently reelected as Chair of the Board. April Heinze of INdigital was elected Vice Chair of the Board.

Also reelected in the Consumer Telco category was Angel Arocho, Comcast along with newly elected Board member Eric Hagerson, T-Mobile. Reelected in the Member-at-large category was Mary Boyd, West Safety Services along with Chris Freeman, Barren-Metcalfe Emergency Communications Center. The full board composition is available at <https://www.ng911institute.org/about-us#bod>.

"The Institute is pleased to welcome Chris Freeman and Eric Hagerson to the Board who will add new perspectives and strengthen the leadership of a Board that already includes nationally recognized public safety and industry experts who are dedicated to ensuring a successful transition to nationwide NG911 deployment," said Institute Executive Director Patrick Halley.

Mr. Freeman said, "It's humbling to have been elected to represent front line telecommunicators and public safety agencies on the NG911 Institute Board. I look forward to joining with other experts from all sectors to advise Congress and other policymakers at a historic time for our nation's 911 system." Mr. Hagerson added, "It's an honor to be elected to the NG911 Institute Board of Directors. I look forward to working with other members of the Institute to promote 911 awareness, including the need to modernize the nation's 911 networks and the inherent benefits that NG911 will provide consumers."

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**About the NG911 Institute**

The NG911 Institute ([www.ng911institute.org](http://www.ng911institute.org)) is a not-for-profit organization, which supports the efforts of the Congressional NextGen 911 Caucus. The mission of the Institute is to assist the Congressional NextGen 911 Caucus by serving as a broad educational resource on issues important to the effective operation and advancement of NG911 services and systems. The overarching objective of the NG911 Institute is to advance the rapid implementation of NG911 in order to promote more effective emergency response and improve public safety. To this end, the Institute seeks to educate Congressional Members and staff on issues that may impact timely and effective NG911 implementation.

The NextGen 911 Caucus, co-chaired by Senators Richard Burr (R-NC) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Reps. John Shimkus (R-IL) and Anna Eshoo (D-CA) , is the only bipartisan, bicameral organization dedicated exclusively to NG911 issues and plays a unique role in raising the visibility of NG911 policy issues and funding needs. During the past 15 years, the Institute has successfully raised awareness of 911 issues with Congress and federal policymakers and created a platform to recognize the admirable efforts of public safety and 911 industry leaders.