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## **FCC Appoints NORCOM Executive Director to Co-Chair Communications Advisory Committee**

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NORCOM is proud to announce the appointment of Executive Director Chris Fischer as co-chair of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) for a term of two years.

"I'm proud to serve and represent public safety's interests in this important process" said Fischer following her appointment on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

APCO International President Richard Mirgon heralded the appointment saying "After years of her tireless leadership at the helm of our association, nobody knows better than us how Chris's unselfish passion and dedication to public safety and the public at large will provide the FCC with a critical voice of unbiased, professional advice, input and feedback to help CSRIC and the FCC to meet and exceed its mission to our nation."

In his letter offering appointment, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski wrote of Ms. Fischer, "Your expertise and leadership is critical to the successful completion of the CSRIC charter."

NORCOM is a new public safety communications agency located in Bellevue, Washington providing service to 14 fire agencies and 5 police agencies with a 1400 square mile service area in north King County. Fischer is the Immediate Past President of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International. The FCC established CSRIC to provide recommendations on security, reliability and interoperability of communications systems, including public safety, telecommunications and media communications. Specifically, CSRIC will address broadband and other advanced technologies, as well as communications operability and restoration during disasters.