

Title: A Communiqué to 3GPP regarding Public Safety and the OMA Push to Talk over Cellular (POC) enabler.

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OMA's members have identified several areas where OMA enablers may contribute to specific services requirements in the Public Safety domain. Members of Governmental agencies from several countries who are charged with providing emergency responders with high-speed, national networks dedicated to public safety are now invited to participate in OMA activities as Government Agency (GA) participants to help define requirements to address specific needs of Public Safety. We see an important role for OMA's competency in the development of application layer enablers and a benefit in working with 3GPP in a collaborative fashion on the technical realization of services requirements, and on the definition of those requirements as determined by those Agencies.

It is our commitment to establish a collaborative partnership with other SDOs for the development of Public Safety standards. We believe the industry benefits from the alignment of the key contributors throughout the technical spectrum of SDOs and SSOs.

OMA wishes to inform our colleagues at 3GPP of our progress and plans for adapting enhanced POC and potentially other OMA enablers to address the needs of Public Safety and Emergency Communications. This communiqué is being sent to you by the OMA Board of Directors to convey OMA's strategic contribution to the domain of Public Safety and Emergency Communications. We expect the OMA Technical Plenary and its relevant Working Groups will send more specific Liaison Statements in the near future.

We look forward to collaboration with 3GPP to address the service-level needs of Public Safety. We urge the appropriate groups within 3GPP to collaborate with the OMA Technical Plenary to ensure clear delineation of responsibilities in meeting the needs of the Public Safety community.

Sincerely,

Gary Jones,
Chairman of the Board
Open Mobile Alliance, Ltd.