



## **Steve Souder, a Nationally Recognized Leader and Authority on 9-1-1 and Public Safety Communications, Joins RapidSOS Advisory Board**

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RapidSOS today announced that Steve Souder, a nationally recognized leader and authority on 9-1-1 and public safety communications, is joining the RapidSOS Advisory Board. RapidSOS' advisors bring extensive expertise across the telecommunications, technology and public safety sectors. Souder joins the Advisory Board with over 60 years of experience in the public safety sector, 48 of which were spent in public safety communications.

"It is an honor to welcome a true industry veteran onto our Advisory Board," said Michael Martin, RapidSOS CEO. "Steve's experience in public safety communications and with 9-1-1 technology is essential to us as we work to transform the data available to our nation's public safety telecommunicators and first responders."

Since answering the D.C. Fire Department's very first 9-1-1 call forty years ago, Souder has driven the public safety industry's vast transformation in emergency communications technology. Over the course of his career, Souder was Director of three 9-1-1 centers in the National Capital Region. While at Fairfax County 9-1-1, Souder put the department at the forefront of the nation in adoption of new 9-1-1 technology, including text to 9-1-1 capabilities and Next Generation 9-1-1 equipment. Throughout the years, Souder has also been active in many public safety organizations and associations and was chair of the FCC Task Force on Optimal PSAP Architecture.

"After spending years as a public safety communications director, the most important thing to me is making sure that 9-1-1 call takers have the best information possible when responding to emergency calls," said Souder. "By working with RapidSOS to deploy their NG9-1-1 Data Clearinghouse across the country, call takers and responders will receive enhanced data and the whole nation will benefit from improved emergency response."

### **About RapidSOS**

RapidSOS is an advanced emergency technology company that is partnering with the 9-1-1 Community to provide precise wireless location and rich data to 9-1-1, without the need for an app, at no cost to PSAPs. The result is faster, more effective emergency response. Formed in 2012 and backed by some of the world's top technologists, RapidSOS was named "2016 Start-Up of the Year" by the Consumer Technology Association, a Top Innovation of 2015 by MIT News, and Top 3 Innovative World Technologies by SXSW. Learn more at [www.RapidSOS.com](http://www.RapidSOS.com).

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