## **Committee on Energy and Commerce** U.S. House of Representatives Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony" Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

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1.	Your Name: Steve Souder			
2.	Your Title: Director			
3.	3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Self			
4.	Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No	
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**Biography** 

## Steve Souder Director

## Fairfax County Virginia Department of Public Safety Communications April 2016

Steve is a nationally recognized leader and authority on 9-1-1 and public safety communications and a frequent presenter, author and consultant on these subjects. He has served in four public safety communications centers in the National Capitol Region, three as director. Since November 2005, he has been Director of the Fairfax County (VA) Department of Public Safety Communications. Before that, he was director of the Montgomery County (MD) 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center and prior to that served as director of the Arlington County (VA) 9-1-1 Public Safety Communications Center.

Steve began his public safety career as a firefighter in the District of Columbia Fire Department and early in his career was drawn to the communications aspect of public safety. He has been personally involved in the public safety communications aspect of many high profile and historic incidents including; the inauguration and funeral of President John F. Kennedy, the civil disturbances following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the attempted assignation of President Ronald Reagan in March 1981, the crash of Air Florida Flight 90 into the Potomac River on January 13, 1982 and the crash of a Metro subway train beneath the National Mall 30 minutes later, the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, the Amtrak train derailment in Montgomery County (MD) in July 2002, the Washington area sniper incident in 2003 and the largest, longest and effecting the most people.....9-1-1 telephone system outage in the Nation since 9-1-1 was implemented in 1968....impacting Northern Virginia and Fairfax County following the severe derecho storm on June 29 & 30, 2012.

Steve is closely associated with championing the recognition and career development of 9-1-1 public safety communications personnel and the deployment of all aspects of voice, data and incident management interoperability....and is widely known for his work in public safety communications center design, staffing, training, operations and management.

Steve is active in the Association of Public-Safety Communications Official's, National Emergency Number Association, Federal Communications Commission Communications Security Reliability and Interoperability Council, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 9-1-1 Directors Committee, the Next Generation 9-1-1 Institute of the Congressional NG9-1-1 Caucus and Chair the FCC Task Force on Optional PSAP Architecture.

In addition to Steve's public safety career he is a retired Senior Chief Firefighter, United States Coast Guard Reserve.