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Joint Interim Committee on Disclosure of Emergency Call Information to Meet Tomorrow

Austin - The Joint Interim Committee on Disclosure of Emergency Call Information will hold its first hearing on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018.

The committee, which is comprised of 10 members from the Texas Senate and Texas House of Representatives, was created by H.C.R. 140 to study existing rules, handling, and processing of the disclosure of recordings and transcripts of emergency calls made by a subsequently deceased individual to a public safety agency or a public safety answering point, and submit a report to the 2019 Legislature.

Invited witnesses include affected family members who advocated for the passage of H.B. 3640, which would have exempted certain emergency recordings and transcripts from public release under the Texas Public Information Act; officials from the Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications; and representatives of the Texas Police Chiefs Association, Texas Association of Broadcasters, Texas Press Association, and the Investigative Network.

The hearing begins at **10 a.m. CST** in Austin (9 a.m. MST in El Paso). You can find the live stream here: <http://www.senate.texas.gov/av-live.php>.

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Economic Development; Transportation; Veteran Affairs and Border Security; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs (Vice Chair).