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USAA Brings Leadership, Expertise to National Public Safety Effort

Washington D.C. – The National Alliance for Public Safety GIS Foundation (NAPSG Foundation) today appointed Manuel (Manny) Rios, senior vice president, USAA Property & Casualty Underwriting, to its board of directors.

According to Keith Richter, Chairman of NAPSG Foundation and Fire Chief of Orange County (CA) Fire Authority, Rios' service on the board is an important step in the foundation's efforts to engage 'non-traditional' public safety industries with significant interest in solving the United States' greatest emergency preparedness challenges.

"The insurance industry plays an instrumental role in helping to secure citizens, property and critical infrastructure that emergency responders protect on a daily basis," says Richter. "Manny brings valuable insurance and data gathering expertise and experience through USAA's innovative work with disaster mitigation sectors."

USAA uses geographic information systems in part to assess risks its customers face and empower them to make wise decisions about where they live and ultimately how to protect themselves and their property. USAA is also active with the [Institute for Business and Home Safety](#), [Federal Alliance for Safe Homes](#) and [International Association of Fire Chiefs](#) in the development of programs that help prevent catastrophic loss.

"Coordination among safety organizations and emergency responders before, during and after a crisis is paramount to reducing risk and ensuring life safety and property protection," says Rios. "Geographic information systems can help these organizations capture, manage, analyze and view geographical images and data that can greatly inform their preparation and response. We're committed to helping the NAPSG Foundation shape and advance the broad-scale use of GIS on the local, regional and national level to enhance the quality of life in communities across the country."

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About USAA

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About NAPSG Foundation

The National Alliance for Public Safety GIS Foundation is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the public safety and homeland security communities in the advancement of data interoperability and connectivity, through Geographic Information Systems, in support of local and national preparedness goals. For more information on NAPSG Foundation contact Rebecca Harned at rharned@publicsafetygis.org or by phone at 202-895-1711.