



# **Louisiana SCIP Implementation Workshop Purpose and Outcomes**

## **Purpose:**

- Provide a forum for Louisiana to continue implementation of SCIP initiatives
- Provide updates on national interoperability goals and their impact on Louisiana

## **Outcomes:**

- Shared understanding of the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) and its impact on Louisiana
- An action plan to align the Louisiana SCIP to the NECP
- Shared agreement on Louisiana's interoperability training and exercises initiatives and action plan to begin implementation
- Shared agreement on the approach to developing standard operating procedures (SOPs) in support of the statewide radio network



# Homeland Security

## Office of Emergency Communications Overview

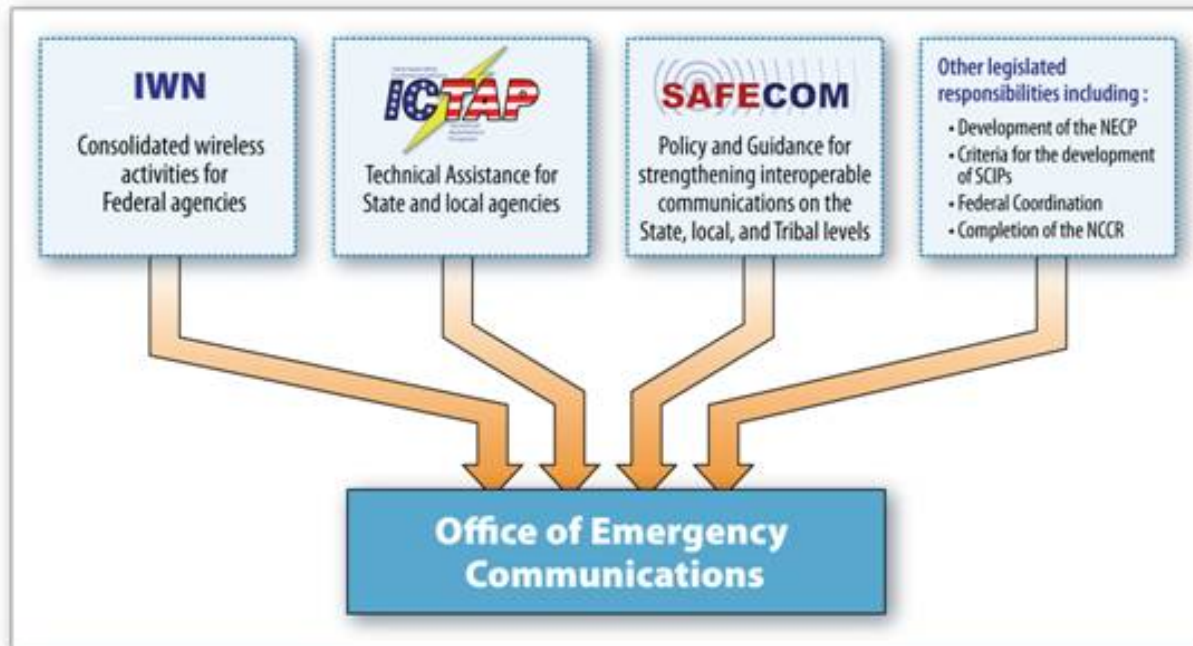


- Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans (SCIPs)
- Technical Assistance (TA)
- Tools and Methodologies
- Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)
- National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP)



Congress, through Title XVIII, established OEC as part of DHS' National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) on April 1, 2007. Congressional legislation mandated OEC to coordinate emergency communications activities at the Federal, State, local, and tribal levels.

### The Formation of the Office of Emergency Communications





- OEC is undertaking the following initiatives to support States' implementation of their SCIPs:
  - SCIP Implementation Reports
  - National SCIP Report
  - SCIP Implementation Workshops
  - Technical Assistance
- The primary objectives of these initiatives are to:
  - Support States in improving emergency communications
  - Help OEC align its resources and programs to best support each State's interoperability needs



### SCIP Implementation Reports

- The SCIP Implementation Reports may serve as a baseline by which States can measure their progress in an annual State grant recipients report required by Congress

### National SCIP Report

- Will identify the common initiatives, trends, and best practices outlined in the 56 SCIPs
  - OEC will use the data to design and enhance its future projects, tools, and TA efforts
  - States can use the information to identify and collaborate with other States with similar gaps and initiatives

### SCIP Workshops (October 2008 – April 2009)

- OEC is offering each State a one-day workshop to bring together State and local representatives to discuss communications gaps and SCIP initiatives



State Name

Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP)  
Implementation Report

2008





## Technical Assistance Process Revised for FY 2009

- Aligned with individual State and Urban Area needs as well as NECP priorities

### Two Prong Approach:

#### 1. *State/Urban Area Priorities*

- States submit their prioritized TA requests to OEC
- OEC customizes TA delivery in consultation with States

#### 2. *NECP Priorities*

- OEC to provide TA offerings that promote NECP priorities
- Courses available nationwide to qualified State and local personnel
- No TA request form required
- Example: COML training currently being offered nationwide



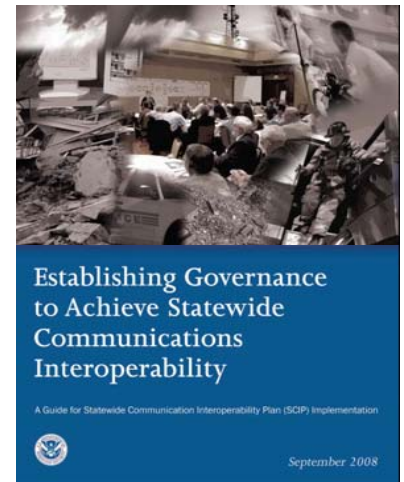
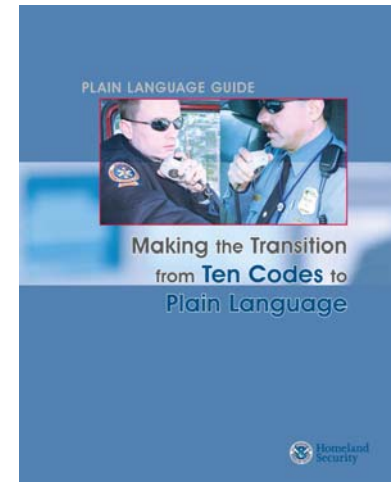
## Louisiana Technical Assistance Requests

- Develop statewide standard policies and procedures for utilization of the primary P25 System and the interim IP network.
- ✓ Conduct a SCIP review to update the plan to meet the NECP requirements.
- Develop and execute training for statewide first responders on implementation of communications interoperability consistent with established statewide practices.
- Develop and execute statewide exercises on a yearly basis to test integration of different communication systems.





- Recently Published
  - Improving Interoperability through Shared Channels
  - Plain Language Guide
  - Interoperability Continuum Version 2
  - Interoperable Communications for Planned Events
  - National Interoperability Field Operations Guide
  - Interoperability Business Case: An Introduction to Ongoing Local Funding
- Tools in Development
  - Statewide Communications Interoperability Governance & SCIP Implementation Methodology
  - Capabilities Assessment Guide
- Tools available at [www.safecomprogram.gov](http://www.safecomprogram.gov)





## IECGP Legislation and Appropriation

- New section 1809 of Title XVIII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (2007) established the IECGP
- Legislation specifies that grants will be made to States and territories to “carry out initiatives to improve local, tribal, statewide, regional, national and, where appropriate, international interoperable emergency communications”
- Authorizes at least \$1.6 billion from Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 – 2012
  - FY 2008: \$50 million appropriated
  - FY 2009: \$50 million appropriated
  - FY 2010 – 2012: Up to \$400 million each fiscal year
  - Each subsequent FY: “Such sums as may be necessary”



- Grant guidance scheduled to be released in November 2008
- Applications due within 45 days of grant guidance release
- Draft funding priority groups

| <b>Priority Group One</b>  | <b>Priority Group Two</b>  |
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| <p data-bbox="204 815 877 908">Gaps in Governance and Common Operational Planning and Protocols</p> <ul data-bbox="227 968 904 1179" style="list-style-type: none"><li>–Establishment of formal interoperable emergency communications governance structures</li><li>–Establishment of common planning and operational protocols</li></ul> | <p data-bbox="1083 815 1717 908">Emergency Responder Skills and Capabilities</p> <ul data-bbox="1083 968 1779 1089" style="list-style-type: none"><li>–Enhancement of emergency responder skills and capabilities through training and exercises</li></ul> |



# National Emergency Communications Plan

- Congress required OEC to develop the NECP to:
  - Support and promote the ability of emergency response providers and relevant government officials to continue to communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters
  - Ensure, accelerate, and attain interoperable emergency communications nationwide
- OEC developed the NECP in cooperation with:
  - Federal departments and agencies
  - State, local, and tribal governments
  - Emergency response providers
  - Private sector





- The NECP is a strategic plan that was delivered to Congress in July 2008
- The NECP sets national goals and objectives to improve interoperability, operability, and continuity of communications for Federal, State, local, and tribal emergency responders
- Title XVIII of the Homeland Security Act, as amended, requires:
  - Future Alignment with NECP Goals and Objectives: Future interoperability grant programs (IECGP) and State planning (SCIPs) are to align with the goals of the NECP
  - Federal and Regional Reporting: Federal (Emergency Communications Preparedness Center [ECPC]) and Regional (Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group [RECCWG]) coordination bodies are to produce annual reports on their progress in advancing the goals of the NECP



## NECP National Vision & Goals

- **Vision** – Emergency responders can communicate as needed, on demand, as authorized; at all levels of government; and across all disciplines
- **Goal 1** – By 2010, 90 percent of all high risk urban areas designated within the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies
- **Goal 2** – By 2011, 75 percent of non-UASI jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies
- **Goal 3** – By 2013, 75 percent of all jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within three hours, in the event of a significant incident as outlined in national planning scenarios



1. Formal Governance Structures and Clear Leadership Roles
2. Coordinated Federal Activities
3. Common Planning and Operational Protocols
4. Standards and Emerging Communication Technologies
5. Emergency Responder Skills and Capabilities
6. System Life-Cycle Planning
7. Disaster Communication Capabilities



## Recommended State 2009 Actions to Align to NECP

- ✓ **7/31/09:** Establish a full-time statewide interoperability coordinator or equivalent position
- ✓ **7/31/09:** Incorporate the recommended membership into the Statewide Interoperability Governing Body (SIGB)
  - Consider Federal representation on SIEC; OEC to provide guidance
- ✓ **7/31/09:** Establish the SIGB via legislation or executive order
- **7/31/09:** Tactical planning among Federal, State, local, and tribal governments occurs at the regional interstate level
  - OEC/FEMA to provide guidance through RECCWGs
- **7/31/09:** Implement the Communications and Information Management section of the NIMS
  - Determine how many COMLs should be trained in the State
  - OEC to provide COML training
  - Incorporate COML training into Training program





## Recommended State 2010 Actions to Align to NECP

- **1/31/10:** Program nationwide interoperability channels into all existing emergency responder radios
  - Planned; update SCIP to reflect this initiative (timeframe dependent on re-banding)
- **7/31/10:** Incorporate the use of existing nationwide interoperability channels into SOPs, training, and exercises
  - Planned; update SCIP to reflect this initiative (timeframe dependent on re-banding)
- **7/31/10:** Update SCIP to reflect plans to eliminate coded substitutions throughout the ICS
  - In progress; update SCIP to incorporate into SOPs and conduct outreach
- **7/31/10:** Complete disaster communications training and exercises
  - Exercises planned annually; OEC/FEMA to provide additional guidance
- **7/31/10:** Define alternate/backup capabilities in emergency communications plans
  - In progress; updated SCIP to reflect plan for redundancy



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