Office of Emergency Communications


OEC supports and promotes the ability of emergency responders and government officials to continue to communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters, and works to ensure, accelerate, and attain interoperable and operable emergency communications nationwide.
Coordination and Collaboration

With Federal Partners
- Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications consists of over 44 Federal entities
- Emergency Communications Preparedness Center is in development stages
- Partnerships with NCS, Commerce, Defense, Justice, FEMA, FCC and others

With States, territories, localities, and tribal nations
- OEC develops practitioner working groups to assist in the development of policy, guidance documents, and templates
- SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) and Emergency Response Council (ERC) promote good governance, best practices, and lessons learned

With the Private Sector
- OEC collaborates with the private sector on emergency communications issues through the National Emergency Communications Cross-sector working group
- Private sector and OEC establish joint industry-government recommendations on emergency communications standards development
Mission:

With its Federal partners, SAFECOM provides research, development, testing and evaluation, guidance, tools, and templates on communications-related issues to local, tribal, state and Federal emergency response agencies.

SAFECOM Governance
# Moving Emergency Communications Forward

## Inputs
- Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans (TICP)
- Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans (SCIP)
- National Communications Capabilities Report (NCCR)
- Public Safety Architecture Framework (PSAF)
- Public Safety Statement of Requirements (SOR)

## Assess & Plan
- National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP)
  - National Vision for Emergency Communications
  - Assessment of Current State of the Nation’s Emergency Communications
  - Identify Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Gaps
  - Strategy to Address Gaps

## Implementation
- NECP Voted By: Federal, State, and Local Focus Groups
  - Grants
  - Tools
  - Technical Assistance
  - Safecom/Led by the Executive Committee and Emergency Response Council (ER/ERC)
  - Federal Communications Investment
  - PSAP, Regional working groups

## Results
- TICP, SCIP, & NECP Alignment
- Federal, State, Local, & Tribal Coordination
- Improved Emergency Communications Nationwide

- For the first time in history, 50 States and Territories have Statewide Plans
- 75 Urban Area Tactical Plans
- Comprehensive assessment data from Federal, State, Local, and Tribal agencies
- Input from practitioners at all levels of government

- OEC was mandated to develop the NECP as part of Title XVIII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
- NECP is due to Congress in July 2006
- The plan will set a national vision for emergency communications
- The plan will identify gaps and align Federal, State, local, and Tribal resources

- OEC will target its resources to address emergency communications gaps at all levels of government
- Technical assistance, tools, grants, and grant guidance will be aligned to address gaps at the State, Local, and Tribal level
- OEC will coordinate Federal resources and build partnerships necessary to address Federal gaps

- Implementation of the NECP will lead to:
  - TICP, SCIP, and NECP Alignment
  - Ability to measure progress of the nation’s emergency communications
  - Greater Federal, State, Local, and Tribal coordination
  - Improved Emergency Communications Nationwide