

# OEC and PSIC: A Continuing Partnership

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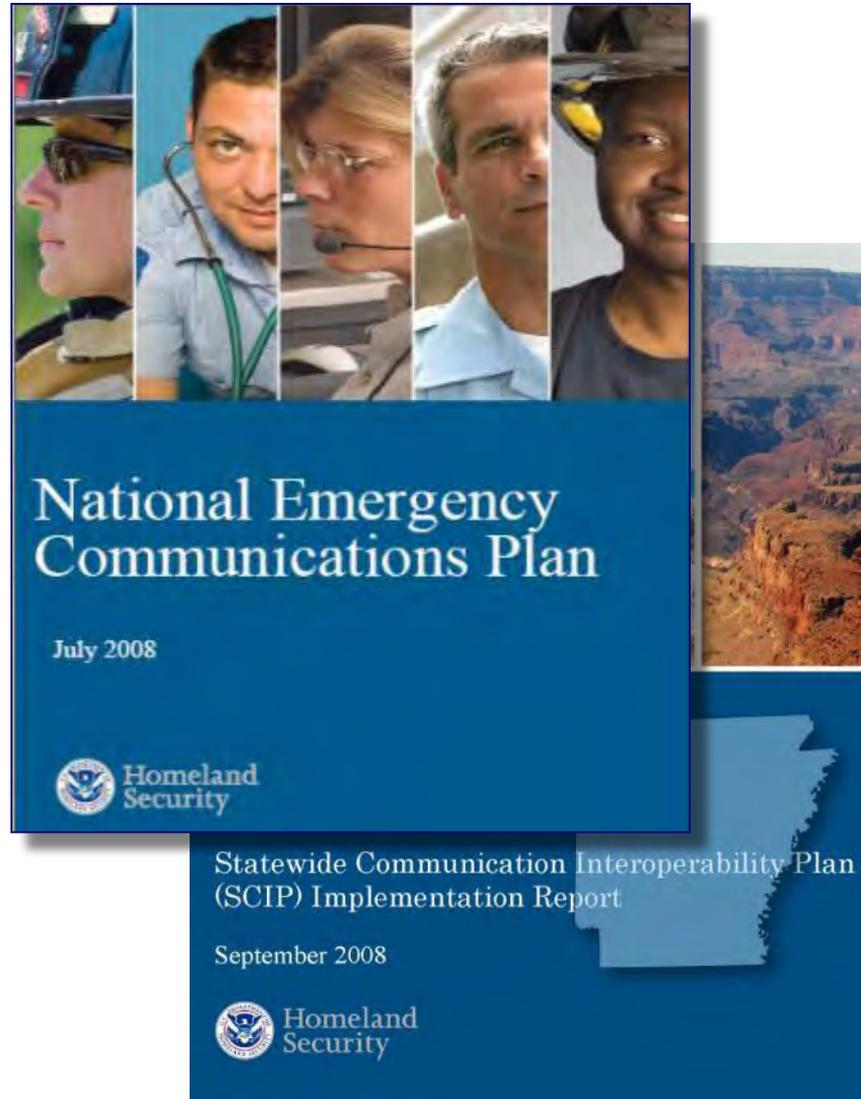
**Mission:** OEC supports and promotes the ability of emergency responders and government officials to communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters, and works to ensure, accelerate, and attain interoperable and operable emergency communications nationwide.



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# National and Statewide Plans

- Framework for Success
  - Statewide Communications Interoperability Plans
  - National Emergency Communications Plan
  - Statewide Interoperability Coordinators
  - State Interoperability Governing Bodies



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# The Interoperability Continuum



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# Technical Assistance Support

- OEC offers States and territories an opportunity to make TA requests annually.
- OEC has expanded the TA Catalog for FY 2011 to include 13 new or revised offerings.
- Feedback from TA recipients generates new TA offerings based on public safety needs.



## Technical Assistance Catalog

Office of Emergency Communications  
TA-OEC-CATALOG-002-R0

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# NECP Goals

## NECP Goal 1

By 2010, 90 percent of all high risk urban areas are able to ***demonstrate response-level emergency communications*** within one hour for routine events involving ***multiple jurisdictions and agencies.***

- **Observations of routine, planned events**
- **Preliminary findings:**
  - Successful use of plain language and COMLs
  - Inconsistent use of NIMS/ICS

## NECP 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.***

- **Two types of data to be collected:**
  - Performance (*response-level incident data*)
  - Capabilities (*based on Interoperability Continuum lanes*)



# Benefits of Measuring the Goals

**NECP Capabilities Assessment Guide**

Working together, we can achieve our vision  
Emergency responders can communicate “as needed, on demand,  
and as authorized at all levels of government and across all disciplines.”  
— National Emergency Communications Plan

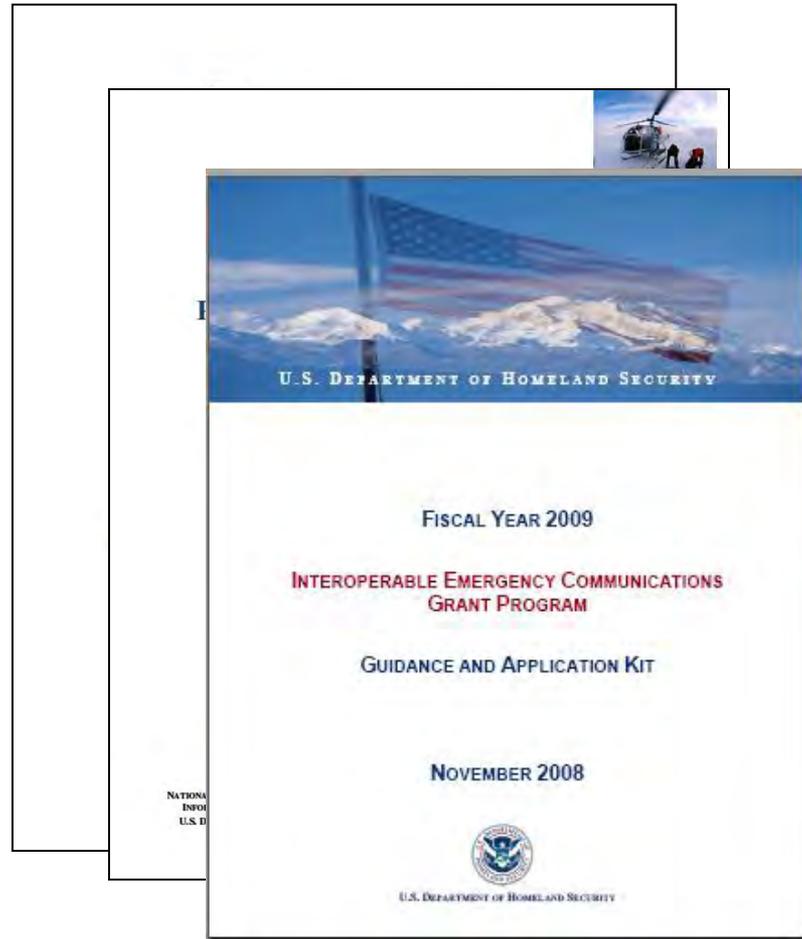
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**Goals measurement provides a comprehensive view at interoperability in the U.S.**

- Identify best practices and success stories
- Identify emergency communications needs at the local levels
- Help OEC target TA, grants, and other support
- Prepare public safety community for next generation technologies

# Coordination with Partners

- Federal Coordination between OEC, FEMA, and NTIA
- State and Local Planning



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# NECP Addendum – Key Themes

- **Land Mobile Radio (LMR)** – Significant investments have been made in existing LMR systems that will continue to be used in the foreseeable future to support mission critical voice communications.
- **Broadband Capabilities** – Broadband data applications will initially be used to complement mission critical voice communications.
- **Transition Planning** – The transition from current mission critical voice communications to broadband will be a *migration*, occurring only when capabilities have been proven to meet user requirements.
- **Collaboration** – Integration of broadband technologies is a long-term effort that must be worked collaboratively with Federal, State, and local agencies; major public safety organizations; and the private sector.



# Dual Path Strategy



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