OEC Overview

The Office of Emergency Communications supports and promotes communications capabilities used by emergency responders and government officials to keep America safe, secure, and resilient.
Updated SCIP

- The SCIP is a critical strategic planning tool to help States prioritize resources, establish or strengthen governance, and address gaps associated with your State’s interoperable and emergency communications

- *In FY2013, OEC worked to update the SCIP to meet the needs of the current and future emergency communications environment*

- The vision for the updated SCIP is:
  - To be the mechanism with which States explain to their leadership and elected officials the vision for emergency communications in the State and demonstrate the need for funding
  - To provide the strategic direction and alignment for those responsible for emergency communications at the State, regional, and local levels
SCIP Revision Workshops

- Focus on the newly designed SCIP by helping States revise their SCIP based on the new structure and criteria
- Bring together key decision makers from all levels of government to identify and address communication interoperability gaps
- Two day interactive workshop includes developing
  1. Vision
  2. Mission
  3. Goals
  4. Initiatives
  5. Implementation Plan
- Outcome of each workshop is a revised SCIP provided by OEC
SCIP Alignment to Broadband Planning

- SLIGP identifies the need for a comprehensive plan as part of the existing SCIP or similar to the SCIP that describes your State’s approach to public safety broadband planning.

- To support broadband planning efforts, the revised SCIP incorporates key criteria associated with strategic planning for interoperable and emergency communications including **public safety broadband:**
  - Establishing or leveraging an existing governance body to guide associated efforts
  - Developing an outreach and information sharing plan and/or program for stakeholder engagement with public safety broadband
  - Identifying potential users of the NPSBN
  - Establishing a process to document and understand relevant assets and infrastructure for mutual aid support (support sharing of infrastructure/assets)
  - Identifying available infrastructure for use in the build out of the NPSBN
  - Conducting a user needs assessment
  - Developing a technology roadmap
Workshop Lessons Learned

While OEC recognizes that each State and territory is unique, key trends include—

- **Increased focus on stakeholder outreach**: SCIP Revision Workshops help States to revive stakeholder engagement/coordination. The SCIP revision process brought together stakeholders that may not have been part of the traditional SCIP planning process in the past (e.g., tribal representation, 911 stakeholders)

- **Many States are turning their focus toward long-term planning for wireless broadband**: With the development of the NPSBN and release of State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) funds, States are determining a long-term path for wireless broadband in conjunction with maintaining land mobile radio (LMR) capabilities

- **Reduced funding continues to be a challenge**: Diminishing Federal grant funding coupled with shrinking State budgets continues to impact the available funds for interoperable and emergency communications efforts

- **Effective governance continues to serve as a critical element**: To ensure effective coordination of interoperable and emergency communications-related efforts in States, governance bodies are central to strategic efforts
OEC Support for Broadband Planning

- States are already using their SCIP to support their strategic planning efforts associated with public safety broadband. To date—
  - 18 States that completed SCIP Revision Workshops in FY13/14 identified 38 goals relevant to public safety broadband in their newly revised SCIPs
  - 4 States conducted a joint SCIP Revision Workshop and TA Broadband Planning Workshop

- States are using broadband technical assistance to address their user requirements. To date—
  - 30 States completed consultation preparation workshops with 18 more scheduled
  - 18 States have activated MDST with 850 agencies submitting user requirements to date

- Contact OEC’s SCIP Program Manager, Jackita Bass (jackita.bass@hq.dhs.gov) to schedule a workshop before the end of FY2014

- Contact OEC’s TA Branch Chief Serena Maxey (serena.maxey@hq.dhs.gov) for TA support