

# Supporting Statewide Emergency Communications

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# Office of Emergency Communications

The Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) leads the coordination of interoperable emergency communications at the Federal, State, local, and tribal levels and supports national security/emergency preparedness communications.



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# Mission Achieved Through Partnerships

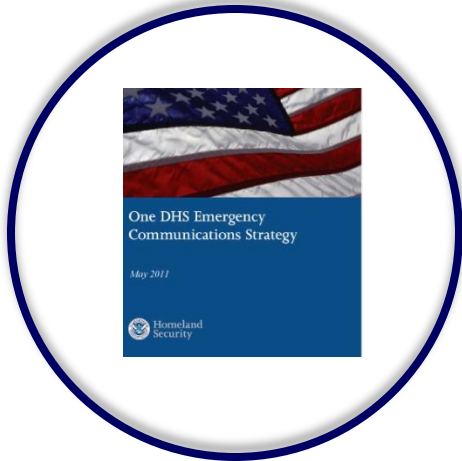
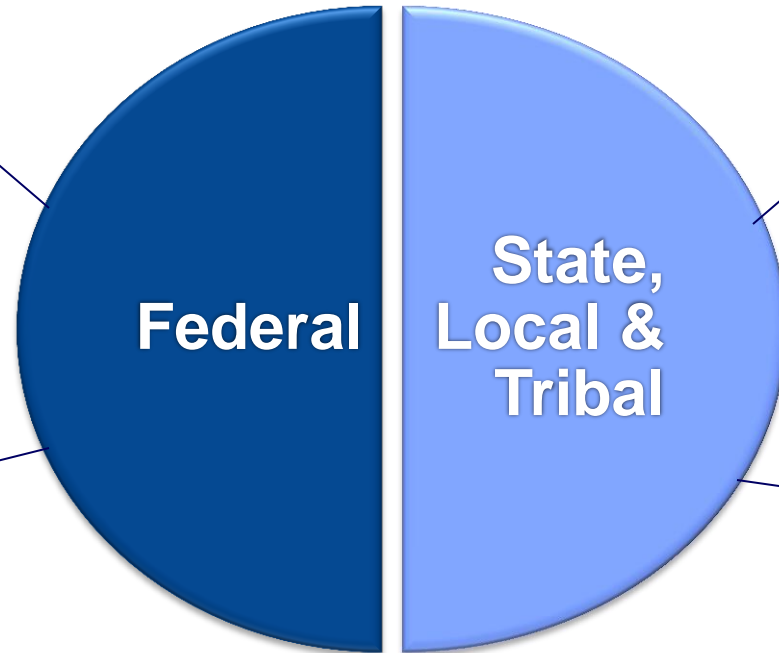
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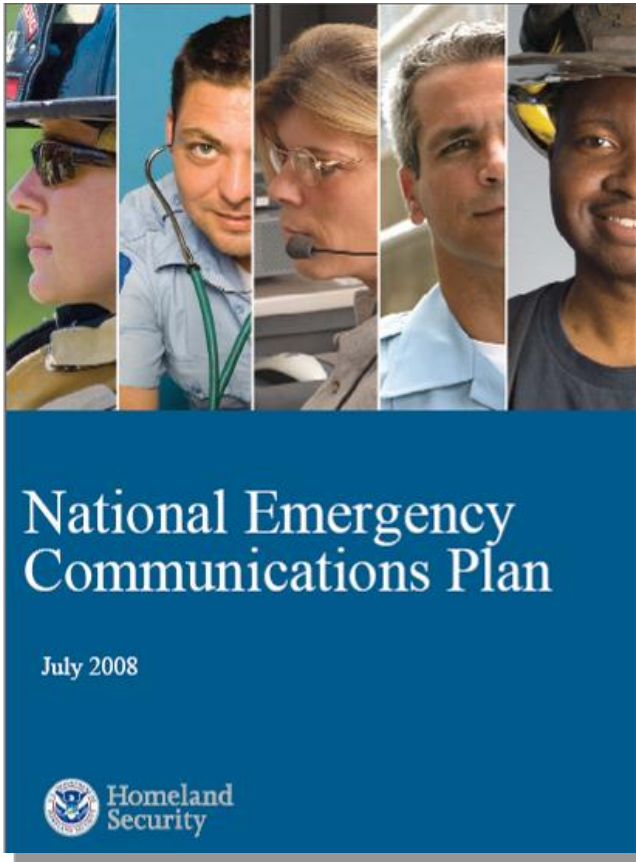
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# National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP)



- Strategic plan to improve:
  - Interoperability/Operability
  - Continuity of Communications
- NECP Update will include:
  - Broadband planning
  - Next Generation 9-1-1
- Stakeholder driven approach
  - Developed and planned update with Stakeholder input



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# Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans

- All 56 States and territories have an approved SCIP
- Locally-driven, multi-jurisdictional & multi-disciplinary plan to enhance communications interoperability
- OEC supports SCIP Implementation through annual Workshops



## Arkansas

Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan  
(SCIP) Implementation Report

September 2008



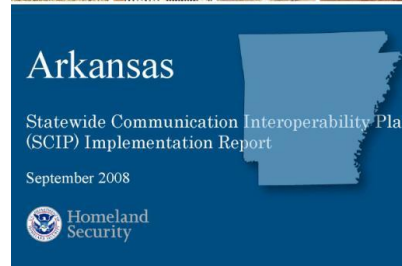
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# Statewide Interoperability Coordinators

- Every State has a SWIC
- Responsibilities include:
  - SCIP program management
  - Outreach
  - Grants coordination
  - Policy development
  - Measurement



- National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators provides a forum for SWIC collaboration & improved coordination across States

# Supporting State/Local Improvement

## *On-Site Workshops and Support to States/Territories*

### Overall Support

- **Technical Assistance:** 263 technical assistance requests received from 50 states/territories, of which 145 were accepted in FY 2012.
- **Statewide Planning Workshops:** OEC also supported 38 State workshops reaching 41 States and territories.
- **Regional Coordinators:** OEC personnel within each region provide on-going coordination and support.

### Impact on Recent/Upcoming Incidents

- **2012 Tornadoes:** OEC trained Communications Unit Leaders (COMLs) and Auxiliary Communications personnel supported responses in Indiana and Tennessee
- **Hurricane Irene:** Regional Coordinators from four Federal Emergency Management Agency Regions supported ESF-2 activities partnering with state/local representatives.
- **RNC/DNC:** OEC assisted Tampa, FL, and Charlotte, NC, with development of Event Communications Plans (ICS 205).



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