

4th Annual Strategic Planning Conference

The image features the Texas state flag waving on a white flagpole against a clear blue sky. The flag is divided into three vertical stripes: blue on the left with a white five-pointed star, white in the middle, and red on the right. The text 'Operation Texas Talks' is overlaid at the bottom in a stylized, outlined font.

Operation Texas Talks

We're Here Today

- Because...
 - Our world, our country and our state aren't always safe places;
- Because...
 - Hurricanes, floods and tornadoes often ravage our homes and communities;
- Because...
 - There are people in the world who believe differently and want to destroy our way of life;

We're Here Today

- Because we rely on our First Responders to...
 - Rescue us from floods and tornadoes and
 - Protect us 7 x 24 x 365 from those who would harm us.
- So that Texas emergency responders across the entire state — from Alpine to Aransas Pass, from Tyler to Midland, and from Houston to Cisco **can communicate**—
 - *As needed, on demand, and as authorized;*
 - *At all levels of government; and*
 - *Across all disciplines.*
- So that tomorrow, or someday soon, all of our Texas Responders will be able to call for help when they're rescuing us.

We're Here Today

- ❖ To refresh the Texas SCIP (Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan) and meet the specific DHS/ Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) criteria for Statewide Communications Interoperability Plans
- ❖ Because all state and federal grant applications for communications equipment must be in accordance with the SCIP and coordinated through the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator and the State Administrative Agency.
- ❖ To review and update our interoperable communications gaps and initiatives that will directly impact interoperability across jurisdictions and agencies.

We're here today because
our Texas first responders
need the ability to talk to
each other when fighting
fires,



when fighting
crime,



and when rushing
us to the hospital.

This is

Operation Texas Talks

And That's Our Mission!