

COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING GAP

SCIP Strategic Planning Session 2012

**The Need For Statewide Standards on
Agency and Jurisdictional Training**



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- ▶ Of All of the Target Capabilities, Communications Has the Least Amount of Training to Support It
 - ▶ There is a Mismatch Between Communications Investment and Associated Training Statewide
 - ▶ The Communications Training Gap is a Multi-Disciplinary Issue
 - ▶ Communications Capability is Central to Every Incident or Disaster, but Lacks a Formal Training Effort
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Tiered Curriculum Development

- ▶ Standardized Statewide Training Program
- ▶ NIMS & ICS Compliant Courseware
- ▶ Skill Level Based Curriculum
 - Entry Level Courses
 - Managerial/Supervisory Level Courses
 - Advanced Technical Level (COML/COMT) Courses
- ▶ Multi-agency Collaboration in Development
- ▶ NECP Goal 2 Exercise Findings Could Serve As Baseline for Course Development

Template Should Address

▶ GAP

- NECP Initiatives

Incorporate the use of existing nationwide interoperability channels into training and exercises.

- Additional State Initiatives

Develop formal communications curriculum and delivery programs for use by responders and academies statewide.

Current Efforts

- ▶ Develop drills which exercise interoperability channels and equipment for agencies
 - ▶ COMLs & COMTs skilled in deployment, setup, and operation of gateway equipment.
 - ▶ NECP Goal 3: 75% of all jurisdictions provide response-level emergency communications within three hours
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