



# Texas Radio Coalition

## 2010 SCIP Implementation Report PreView (U. S. Congressional Report)

### Significant challenges and successes

#### 1. Challenges:

- a. Statewide operability...
  - i. Many public safety agencies are hampered by the lack of subscriber units.
  - ii. *"As county systems are upgraded to P25, volunteer fire departments and rural police departments, sheriff's offices, and other first responder agencies are being "left out in the cold," forced by the high cost of digital radios to stick with legacy equipment on analog VHF or 800 MHz systems that are not compatible with the new county P25 systems. This is currently the case in Bastrop, Caldwell, and Williamson Counties, and will likely be the case in Lee, Burnet, Blanco, and Llano Counties as those systems are upgraded in the near future. Hays and Fayette Counties are not currently P25 Compliant. They are both attempting conversions from 900 to 700 MHz since they are part of the LCRA network."*
- b. Narrowband operations / Texas Interoperability Channels
- c. Getting ready for the Super Bowl
- d. Cross-border communications between U. S. and Mexican Health Departments as experienced during the H1N1 Pandemic along the International Border

#### 2. Successes:

- a. UASI Goal 1 demonstrations
- b. Certified COMLs
- c. Getting ready for the Super Bowl
- d.

### Review and modification (if needed) of goals and objectives as stated in the 2009 SCIP Implementation Report.

### Review and updates to the existing initiatives as identified in the 2009 SCIP Implementation Report.

### Recommended New SCIP Initiatives Based on NECP Initiatives

3.1.4: Eliminate coded substitutions throughout the Incident Command System (ICS).

3.2.1: All State, local, and tribal emergency response providers within UASI jurisdictions will implement the Communications and Information Management section of the NIMS.

6.1.1: Achieve basic operable communications for all public safety agencies while planning for interoperability.

6.1.3: Require system life-cycle plans for all communications systems purchased with Federal grant dollars.

6.4.2: Ensure that all State, local, and tribal emergency response providers have developed and implemented communications continuity plans for maintaining or recovering and stabilizing operations during and following disaster events.

6.4.3: Ensure that all State, local, and tribal emergency response providers have coordinated communications continuity exercises and established crisis communications procedures and policies.

7.1.2: All State, local, and tribal agencies in UASIs have defined alternate/backup capabilities in emergency communications plans.

#### **Other Updates and/or Recommendations to the SCIP Implementation Report**

- Add: Economic Impact of Agriculture in Texas
- Add: Economic Impact on Forestry in Texas
- Add: Texas Next Generation 9-1-1 Status
- Update: Cross-border communications with Health Dept. H1N1 response
- Update: Systems information