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# Disaster Emergency Communications (DEC) Division

## Overview

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# DEC Roles and Responsibilities

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*Disaster Emergency Communications must be integrated at all government levels to effectively serve as the backbone of emergency response.*

- Lead integrator of Federal resources during an incident to support the emergency communications needs of State, Local, and Tribal governments
- Deploy communications assets during incidents
- Establish and support the communications needs of Joint Field Offices (JFO)
- Develop State-specific operational emergency communications plans
- Support Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Groups (RECCWG)
- Coordinate emergency response efforts with Federal government agencies and industry partners

# DEC Responds

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## ***DEC provides disaster communications support when requested during an incident***

- Helps enable the emergency response community to effectively communicate, exchange information, and manage all-hazards events
- Provides communications capabilities at command and control facilities when requested
- Connects incident area responders and commanders to officials at the Regional and National levels
- Facilitates short and long-term restoration of communications networks in affected areas to include tactical communications infrastructure for emergency responders at all levels of government
- Conducts damage assessments and short-term solutions for damaged critical communications infrastructure

# DEC Point of Contact

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