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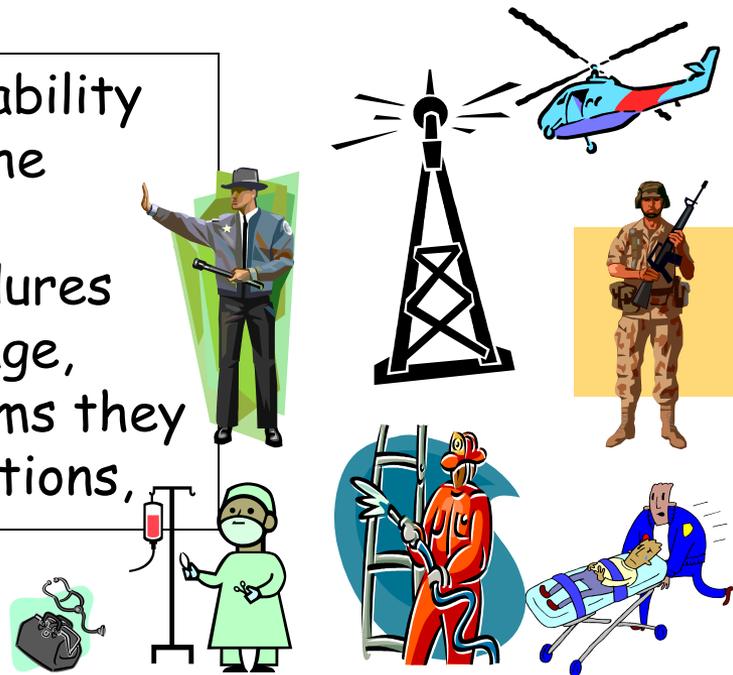


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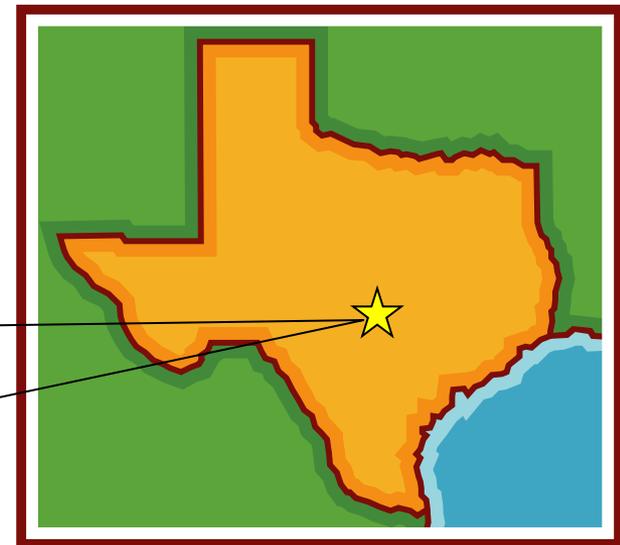
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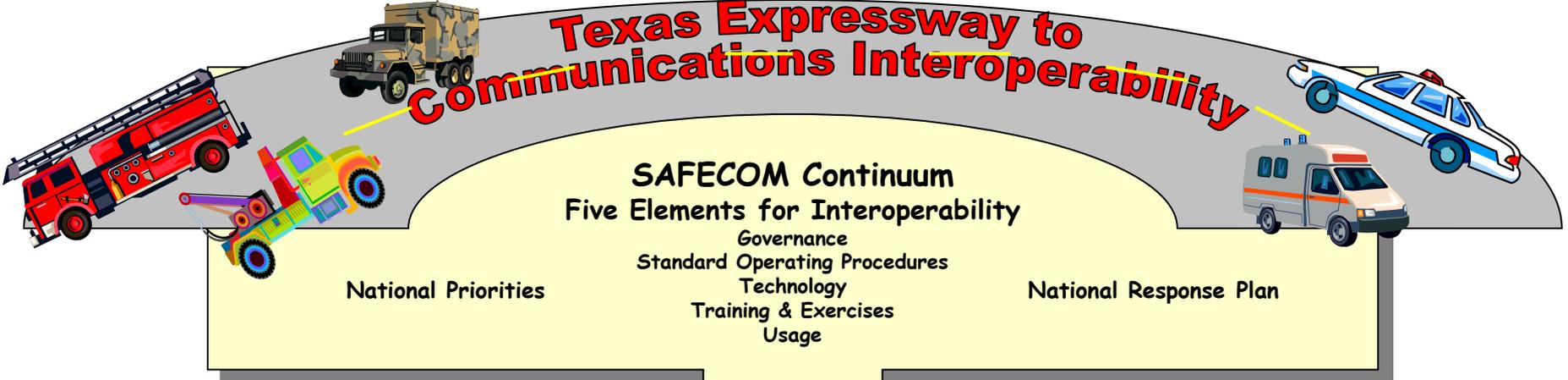


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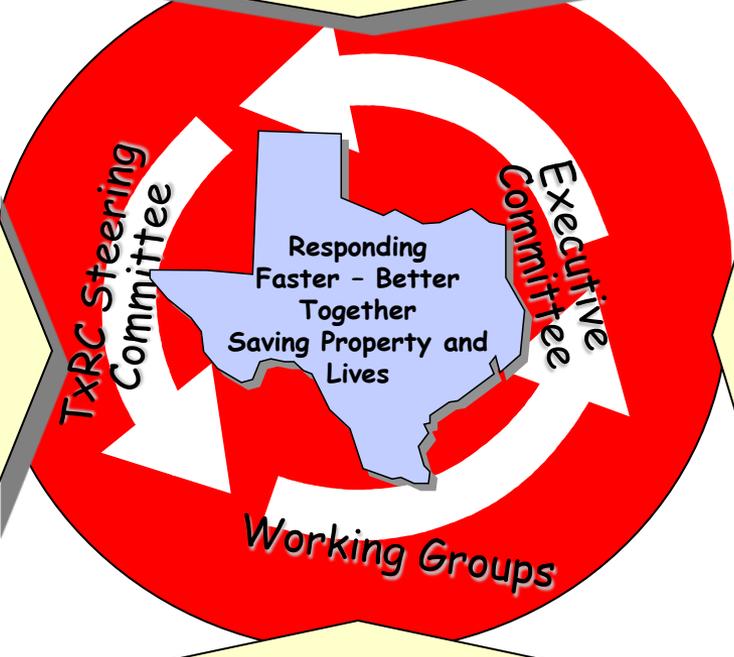


Texas Expressway to Communications Interoperability



CASM (Communications Assets Survey & Mapping)

- Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan
- Texas Interoperable Communications Plan
- Office for Interoperability and Compatibility, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Statewide Interoperability Planning Guidebook, March 2007
- Criteria for Statewide Interoperability Strategic Plans (SCIP)
- SCIP Methodology
- SCIP Template



- 27 Focus Group Sessions
- Special Interviews
- 135 Hot-topics
- Statewide Strategic Planning Session
63 voting delegates
- Critical Initiatives
- Long Term Strategic Initiatives

Working Groups

Governance - Capabilities Assessment - Strategic Planning - Technology - Implementation
 Standard Operating Procedures/Training & Exercises - Funding - Evaluation