

**Texas Radio Coalition
Strategic Planning Session
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		1 = Short-term	2 = Long-term	
A	Standards-based shared systems operating with or within 700 MHz.	"1" Votes	21	
		"2" Votes	35	
		Total Votes	56	
		Decision		Long-term Initiative
B	Funding for cached radios.	"1" Votes	9	
		"2" Votes	40	
		Total Votes	49	
		Decision		Long-term Initiative
C	Spectrum: 1. Promote the need for additional State and Federal Mutual Aid Interoperability Channels in the 800 MHz AND VHF frequency bands. Fund infrastructure for implementation of all mutual aid channels (800 MHz, 700 MHz, VHF, UHF).	"1" Votes	35	
		"2" Votes	23	
		Total Votes	58	
		Decision		Short-term Initiative
D	NO VOTES COLLECTED.			No Votes Collected
E	Funding: 1. Identify new and existing sources of funding in federal grants; state, county and local budgets, taxes, bonds, motor vehicle license fees, traffic violation fines, road taxes and elsewhere for interoperable communications equipment, infrastructure, backhaul, upgrades, ongoing maintenance and call center expenses.	"1" Votes	46	
		"2" Votes	11	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		Short-term Initiative
F	Training & Exercises: 1. Evaluate existing state and local training programs and schedules, and draft a proposal for improving responder efficiency and effectiveness through state and locally integrated-coordinated (including federal and tribal if appropriate) frequent and routine user-friendly training programs utilizing existing responder and dispatch equipment with mandated evaluations and certifications.	"1" Votes	34	
		"2" Votes	24	
		Total Votes	58	
		Decision		Short-term Initiative
G	Governance: 1. Promote state legislation that enforces timely and cost-efficient execution of strategic plan initiatives which support state-wide communications and interoperability.	"1" Votes	40	
		"2" Votes	17	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		Short-term Initiative
H	Funding: 2. Provide easy access to funding information.	"1" Votes	47	
		"2" Votes	10	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		Short-term Initiative

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I	Technology: 1. Establish and mandate the technology standard for the Texas Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan and provide a migration path.	"1" Votes	32	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	25	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		
J	Funding: 3. Leverage existing investments in Regional Interoperability Systems and infrastructure when developing and networking statewide interoperability systems.	"1" Votes	38	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	17	
		Total Votes	55	
		Decision		
K	DUPLICATE OF EARLIER INITIATIVE.	"1" Votes	27	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	17	
		Total Votes	44	
		Decision		
L	Training & Exercises: 2. Provide on-line training programs with testing and certifications.	"1" Votes	28	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	29	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		
M	Spectrum: 2. Promote the need for additional spectrum for public safety use.	"1" Votes	22	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	35	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		
N	Training & Exercises: 3. Encourage the development of standardized equipment and dispatch center training programs with state and/or regional trainers available to local agencies.	"1" Votes	20	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	37	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		
O	Coordination and Standard Operating Procedures: 1. Review and evaluate SOPs and mandate NIMS/ ICS compliance and rules for operations of gateways and mutual aid frequencies, plus the coordination across state agencies, COG's, Tribal entities, Counties, disciplines and jurisdictions.	"1" Votes	36	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	20	
		Total Votes	56	
		Decision		
P	Technology: 2. Provide permanent multiple-band monitoring and patching capabilities for all designated mutual aid / interoperability channels for immediate use at all call centers.	"1" Votes	27	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	30	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		

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Q	Spectrum: 3. Complete, approve and release the 700MHz frequencies for public safety use.	"1" Votes	30	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	26	
		Total Votes	56	
		Decision		
R	Technology: 3. Validate agency radio communications capabilities and survey results utilizing CASM. Develop a plan to routinely update CASM.	"1" Votes	43	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	13	
		Total Votes	56	
		Decision		
S	Governance: 2. Get the messages out ... Provide stakeholders with interoperable communications information in plain language, including technology, funding and compliance requirements, timeline and meeting schedules.	"1" Votes	49	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	9	
		Total Votes	58	
		Decision		
T	Funding: 4. Provide operability throughout the state.	"1" Votes	45	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	12	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		
U	Technology: 4. Encourage first responders to include VHF (wide & narrowband) channels when purchasing new equipment or when reprogramming existing equipment.	"1" Votes	41	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	14	
		Total Votes	55	
		Decision		
V	Funding: 5. Provide broadband technology to responders and dispatch centers.	"1" Votes	23	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	33	
		Total Votes	56	
		Decision		
W	Spectrum: 4. Identify the cause of Cross-border interference and channels and/or technology for clear mutual aid communications along the border.	"1" Votes	23	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	32	
		Total Votes	55	
		Decision		
X	Technology: 5. Implement an IP interface between regional interoperable communications systems and the statewide IP based system, presumably for communication with the SOC and adjacent DDCs.	"1" Votes	29	Tie
		"2" Votes	29	
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Y	Operational Structure: 1. Centralize and consolidate Radio Dispatch and PSAP resources.	"1" Votes	12	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	44	
		Total Votes	56	
		Decision		
Z	Operational Structure: 2. Create and fund strategically placed regional response task forces that are always available and able to respond.	"1" Votes	11	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	46	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		
AA	Operational Structure: 3. Provide mobile command vehicles for designated areas with sustainment funding.	"1" Votes	18	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	38	
		Total Votes	56	
		Decision		
BB	Operational Structure: 4. Define how state agencies integrate with regional, county and local jurisdictions during routine as well as large scale emergency events.	"1" Votes	39	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	18	
		Total Votes	57	
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CC	Governance: 3. Provide on-line or web conferences so distant areas can be included.	"1" Votes	47	Short-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	10	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		
DD	Coordination and Standard Operating Procedures: 2. Leverage the "Telecommunicator Emergency Response Task Force" (TERT) as a resource of trained dispatchers schooled in communication interoperability.	"1" Votes	18	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	40	
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		Decision		
EE	Coordination and Standard Operating Procedures: 3. Create and fund a full time mutual aid coordinator in each UASI who would also assist the UASI regions by fulfilling the requirement to have a Communications Coordinator or COM-C, as stated in the Tactical Interoperability Communications Plans.	"1" Votes	16	Long-term Initiative
		"2" Votes	39	
		Total Votes	55	
		Decision		
FF	Secure consistent funding for on-going development, capital replacement, and maintenance costs.	"1" Votes	31	Short-term Initiative
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HH	Training/Exercise/Coordination - Develop, mandate and track a computer-based Interoperable Communications training program that requires testing and certification.	"1" Votes	14	
		"2" Votes	43	
		Total Votes	57	
		Decision		Long-term Initiative
ITEM	FUNDING PRIORITIES: 3 Priorities, 3 votes each	OPTIONS		VOTES
		Top Priority		
		Intermediate Priority		
		Bottom Priority		
II	Operability: Top Priority	"1" Votes	34	
		"2" Votes	0	
		Total Votes	34	
		Decision		Top Priority
JJ	Operability: Intermediate Priority	"1" Votes	9	
		"2" Votes	0	
		Total Votes	9	
		Decision		Top Priority
KK	Operability: Bottom Priority	"1" Votes	15	
		"2" Votes	0	
		Total Votes	15	
		Decision		Top Priority
LL	Interoperability: Top Priority	"1" Votes	11	
		"2" Votes	0	
		Total Votes	11	
		Decision		Intermediate Priority
MM	Interoperability: Intermediate Priority	"1" Votes	33	
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NN	Interoperability: Bottom Priority	"1" Votes	10
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		Decision	Bottom Priority
PP	Upgrade and Expansion of Regional Shared Systems: Intermediate Priority	"1" Votes	10
		"2" Votes	0
		Total Votes	10
		Decision	Bottom Priority
QQ	Upgrade and Expansion of Regional Shared Systems: Bottom Priority	"1" Votes	29
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