



Texas Radio Coalition

Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Strategic Planning Session Austin Airport Hilton July 30th, 2007 MEETING AGENDA

- 8:30** *Welcome -- Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe and Austin City Council Member Mike Martinez*
- 8:45** Introductions
- 9:00** *Why We're Here...To review the data analysis and confirm initiatives that will immediately and directly impact communications interoperability across jurisdictions and agencies. The outcome of the Strategic Planning Session is the backbone for the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). The most important conversation of the day is : naming strategic initiatives. -- Steve McCraw*
The FY2007 HSGP requires States to develop and adopt SCIP by the end of CY 2007. Grant applications must be in accordance with SCIP and coordinated through the State Administrative Agency (SAA). SCIP must meet the specific SAFECOM criteria distributed March 2007. (Source: DHS Statewide Interoperability Planning Guidebook March 2007.)
- 9:20** *Who is the Texas Radio Coalition ... We came together in 2006 -- Peter Collins*
The SCIP Governance Structure
-- the Executive Committee
-- the Steering Committee (Texas Radio Coalition will perform this function)
-- the Working Groups: Governance, Capabilities Assessment, Strategic planning, Technology, Implementation, Standard Operating Procedures/Training & Exercises, Funding, and Evaluation.
- 9:40** The Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) & DHS grants and Sustainment funding (Carol Sutherland)
- 10:00** Developing the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (Mike Simpson)
"if you don't know where you're going any road will get you there" (Alice in Wonderland)
- 10:25** Congressional Comments from U. S. Representative Michael McCaul
- 10:30** **Break**
- 10:45** *The Vision & Mission* (Mike Simpson)
- 11:00** Overview (only) of Critical Initiatives developed from Hot-topics. (Carol Sutherland)
- 12:00** **Working Lunch** (Various TxRC Members Will Speak on Support for Initiatives)
- 1:15** Presentation, Discussion of SCIP Strategic Goals (Carol Sutherland)
1. Implement communications interoperability for all public safety agencies as a high priority.
2. Achieve Governance which encourages transparency, accountability, and collaboration through Education, Leadership, Legislation and outcome-based strategic planning.
3. Improve public safety agency communication capabilities and interoperability by maximizing the use of existing equipment and networks, shared systems and Standards-based communications purchases.

4. Improve public safety agency communication capabilities and interoperability by upgrading existing Standard Operating Procedures and implementing integrated state and local agency interoperable communication training and exercise programs.
5. Develop a funding plan that will generate the funding resources necessary to support the costs associated with acquiring, improving and sustaining statewide communications operability and interoperability for all public safety and critical infrastructure responders.
- 1:45** As a group there will be a general discussion on any potential add-on initiatives before prioritizing statewide initiatives into Short-term Critical Initiatives or Long-term Strategic Initiatives. (Carol Sutherland, Mike Simpson, Joe Peters)
- 2:00** Selection and prioritization of short-term and long-term initiatives (minimum of three each). Short-term initiatives should function in support of longer-term improvements. Ensure all critical elements of the Interoperability Continuum are considered during the prioritization effort. (Carol Sutherland, Mike Simpson, Joe Peters)
- 2:45** **Break**
- 3:00** Prioritize funding for: a) Operability, b) Interoperability and c) Upgrade and Expansion of Regional Shared Systems. (Carol Sutherland, Mike Simpson, Joe Peters)
- 3:20** ***The most important conversation of the day is : confirming strategic initiatives — Steve McCraw***
- 4:30** Adjourn – Check the TxRC web-site for updates and meeting schedules:
www.txrc.region49.org

Reference Sources: SCIP Guidebook; SCIP Criteria; SAFECOM SCIP Methodology; Kentucky, Nevada & Virginia Strategic Plans for Statewide Communications Interoperability; IC-TAP