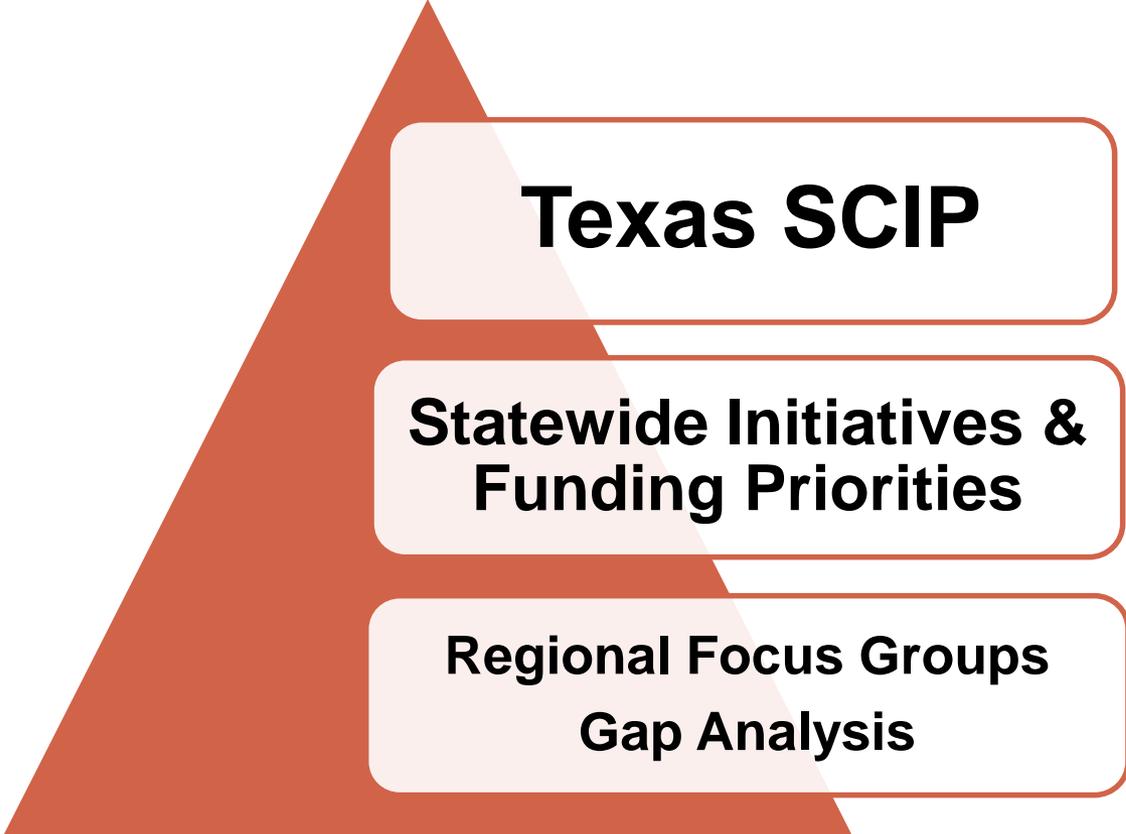


FOCUS GROUP GAP ANALYSIS 2013 INITIATIVES

Priorities for Funding
Statewide Initiatives
Major Accomplishments

State and Federal Grant Funding for Communications Capabilities Requires SCIP Compliance



Texas SCIP

**Statewide Initiatives &
Funding Priorities**

**Regional Focus Groups
Gap Analysis**

SCIP Governance Structure



Executive Leadership
Tx Governor;
TxDPS Director



SCIP Executive Council (SEC)
30 Ambassadors to be elected
bi-annually, must meet specific
eligibility requirements

SWIC has the authority to
convene various teams of SME's to
form Strategic Advisory Groups



**SCIP Strategic Advisory Groups
(SSAG)**

**SCIP Steering Committee
(SSC)**
(membership-at-large)

Land
Mobile
Radio



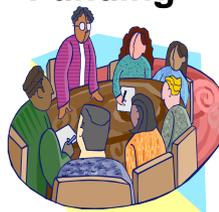
National
Public Safety
Broadband
Network



Training &
Exercises



Funding



Statewide Initiatives & Funding Priorities - 1

- DHS Grant Program Priorities /Objectives

- Sustaining risk driven capabilities, capabilities-based planning, training and exercises through whole community councils and working groups.
- Emergency Mutual Aid: “All assets supported in part or entirely with FY 2013 HSGP funding by States, territories, and Tribes must be readily deployable to support emergency or disaster operations ...”

Statewide Initiatives & Funding Priorities - 2

- **SCIP Implementation Priorities:**

- Ensure operability
- Provide interoperable solutions
- Upgrade and expand regional shared systems

- **Statewide Gaps (from Focus Group Gap Analysis)**

- Operability / Interoperability / *Mutual Aid*

- Lack of adequate communications equipment for emergency responses
- Lack of adequate training on SOPs and available communications equipment
- Lack of trained resources to execute/operate mutual aid assets

Paradigm Shift In Reporting

- **OEC Initiatives:**
 - New SCIP requirements
 - Goals and Initiatives 3 to 5 year timeline
 - Measures of Success: Baseline, Achievement, Target, Owner
 - New Annual Progress Report
 - Detail Accomplishments, Challenges: lessons learned
 - Status: completed, not started, in-progress 25%, overdue not started, overdue 50%, overdue 75%
- More on this in the afternoon!

2012 GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES

DPS Report on Interoperable Communications to the Texas Legislature

Update the SCIP and TxICC Governance Structure to include responsibility for the Texas public safety LTE program

Provide WebEx meeting capability for all communications meetings and events

Conduct annual regional Focus Group Gap Analysis Sessions and annual Statewide Strategic Planning Conference.

Work with newly formed FirstNet to define Texas needs, deployment, funding and timeframe for PS LTE

2013 Governance Proposed Initiatives

Goals (to be refined @ SCIP workshop)	Initiatives	Owner	Planned Completion
Achieve statewide interoperability by institutionalizing collaborative approaches across the State based upon common priorities and consensus at the regional level.	1.Align regional governance authority with grant funding eligibility.	SWIC, SAA, COGs	<i>short-term (next yr)</i>
	2.Initiate SEC PS LTE training program	SWIC, SEC	<i>short-term (next yr)</i>
	3.Provide Web meetings to facilitate meeting attendance.	SWIC staff & COGs	Mid-term (2-3 yrs)
	4.Prioritize funding for operations and sustainment of existing infrastructure and capabilities.	SWIC, SAA, COGs	Short-term and on-going

2013 Standard Operating Procedures Proposed Initiatives

Goals (to be refined)	Initiatives	Owner	Planned Completion
Enhance use of interoperable communications systems with integrated, NIMS-compliant, regional SOPs.	1. Propose appropriate location to host SOPs and Mutual Aid resources: CASM; TRRN, HSIN, PreparingTexas.org, etc.	SAG: SOP/T&E (Tommy G.)	<i>short-term (next yr)</i>
	2. Develop drills that exercise RSOPs, which agencies can incorporate into daily operations.	SWIC Staff	<i>mid-term (2-3 yrs)</i>
	3. Review and update annually: Mutual aid agreements, assets, POC lists and RSOPs.	COGs	<i>mid-term (2-3 yrs)</i>

2013 Technology Proposed Initiatives

Goals (to be refined)	Initiatives	Owner	Planned Completion
Build a statewide, standards-based (P25) shared Land Mobile Radio (LMR) voice radio system, and a statewide, standards-based Public Safety Long-Term Evolution (PS LTE) broadband data communication network.	1.Appoint SAG to develop PS-LTE outreach campaign.	SAG: LTE Outreach	<i>short-term (next yr)</i>
	2.Appoint SAG to develop LTE rural strategy.	SAG: LTE Rural	<i>mid-term (2-3 yrs)</i>
	3.Provide emergency communications capability statewide with deployable equipment and teams positioned throughout the state.	SWIC, SAA, CCG	<i>long-term (4-5 yrs)]</i>
	4.Prioritize funding to update subscriber radios with revised interoperability channels.	SWIC & SAA	<i>short-term (next yr)</i>

2013 Training and Exercises Proposed Initiatives

Goals (to be refined)	Initiatives	Owner	Planned Completion
Ensure both LMR and NPSBN integrated local and regional training and exercise opportunities are available to all emergency responders	1. Establish training as a funding priority.	SWIC, SAA	<i>short-term (next yr)</i>
	2. Ensure COMLs are trained on mutual aid assets.	SAG/ COMLs	<i>short-term (next yr)</i>
	3. Conduct on site drills to test equipment and personnel capabilities on interoperability assets, e.g. interop channels, console patches, gateways.	SAG/ COMLs	mid-term (2-3 yrs)
	4. Plan multi-discipline and multi-jurisdictional regional exercises. Include state assets and non-government organizations in the planning and exercise process.	SAG: SOP/ T&E	Long-term (3-5 yrs)
	5. Develop an educational component to demo available mutual aid resources throughout the region.	SAG/ COMLs	<i>mid-term (2-3 yrs)</i>

2013 Usage Proposed Initiatives

Goals (to be refined)	Initiatives	Owner	Planned Completion
Encourage daily use of regional standards-based shared communications systems for routine operations as well as all-hazards emergency communications.	1.Appoint SAG to develop a Sustaining Emergency Communications Educational Program: Project Enduring Safety—Educate/Train elected officials and Texas Legislators on critical emergency communications operations and needs.	SAG: Enduring Safety	<i>mid-term (2 yrs)</i>
	2.Convene mutual aid resources bi-annually to conduct operational readiness exercises.	SAG: SOP/T&E	long-term (3-5 yrs)



Project Enduring Safety

*Sustaining Emergency Communications Educational Program
one goal... a safer, more secure Texas*

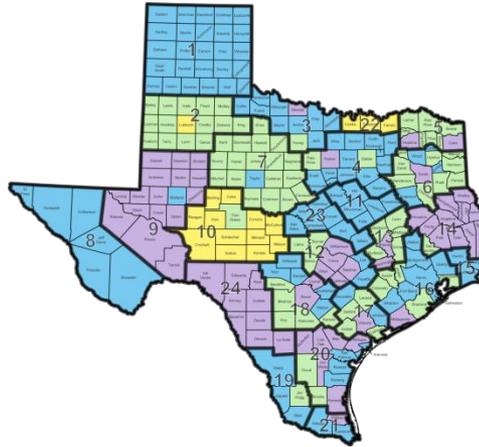


**Will there be trained
and equipped emergency
responders the next time
you call for help?**



Major Statewide Accomplishments

- Technology: Average Statewide Interoperability Level: 3.8; improved our average from 3.58 to 3.8



- Governance: Updated the SCIP and TxICC Governance Structure to include responsibility for the Texas public safety LTE program
- Governance: Texas SWIC named single POC for Texas PS-LTE; and leads national PS-LTE Early Builders Advisory Council

Major Regional Accomplishments: 1

- Mutual Aid Agreements are being reviewed and updated
- Some VFDs have joined in the Regional Radio system and adopted the Regional SOPs. Weekly radio checks have been implemented with all jurisdictions on the regional radio system.
- Real life incidents have tested the regional interoperability channel group and were successful.
- VFDs participated in the HUREX and AMSREP exercise utilizing interop channels.
- Region 5C installed HAM radio equipment and is integrated into the regional RACES network. All dispatch and mobile gateways are integrated and operational.

Major Regional Accomplishments: 2

- Increased local participation in training events such as NIMS 300 & 400.
- 100% of region was narrowband compliant by the 01/01/2013 deadline.
- Previous funding has been used to build a solid infrastructure base upon which we can continue to expand.
- 800 MHz NPSTC repeaters are currently in use.
- 90% of radio communications systems are interoperable.
- Weekly interop channel testing has been successful. Interop calling channels are now tested by every governmental, EMC and Industry agency in the region at 9:00am on Tuesday morning. National Weather Service now has radio access to the system.

Major Regional Accomplishments: 3

- The system backbone is complete but long term funding is needed in order to optimize and maintain the system into the future.
- The majority of consoles, base, mobile and portable radios have been reprogrammed to new VHF trunked system.
- 100% of FCC licenses and 99% of all radio equipment has been narrow banded in the region.
- 700/800 MHz system is 100% operational.
- There are now 6 Type III COM-L's within the region.