



Introduction to SAFECOM

What is Interoperability?

Interoperability is the ability of emergency responders to communicate among jurisdictions, disciplines, and levels of government, using a variety of frequency bands, as needed and as authorized.



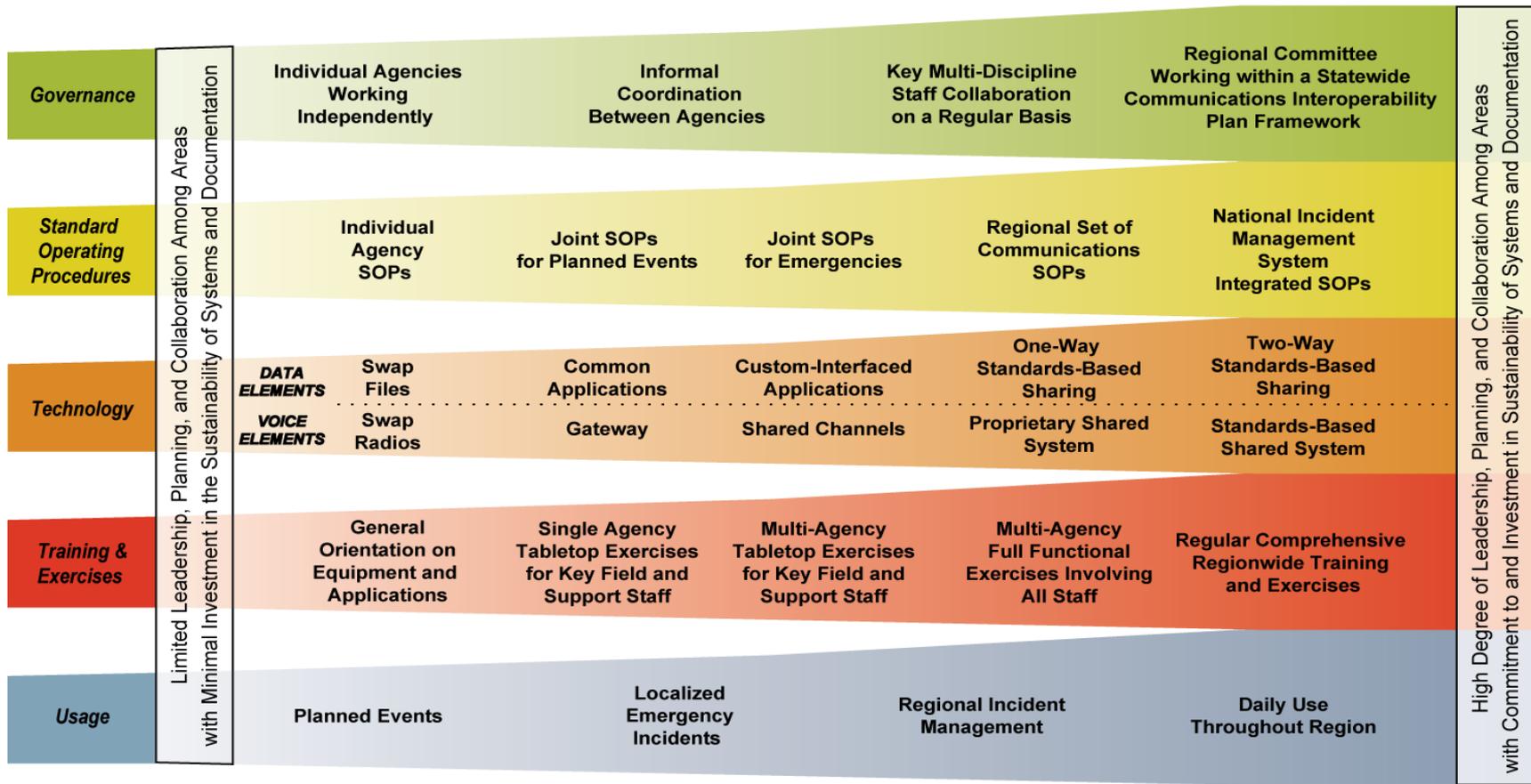
What is SAFECOM?

- ▶ SAFECOM works to improve multi-jurisdictional and intergovernmental communications interoperability
- ▶ SAFECOM coordinates with existing Federal communications programs, elected and appointed officials, and key emergency response stakeholders
- ▶ SAFECOM aims to improve processes and policy of existing communications systems and future networks

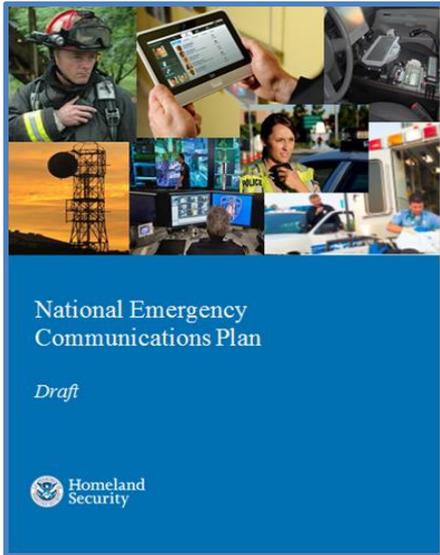




Interoperability Continuum



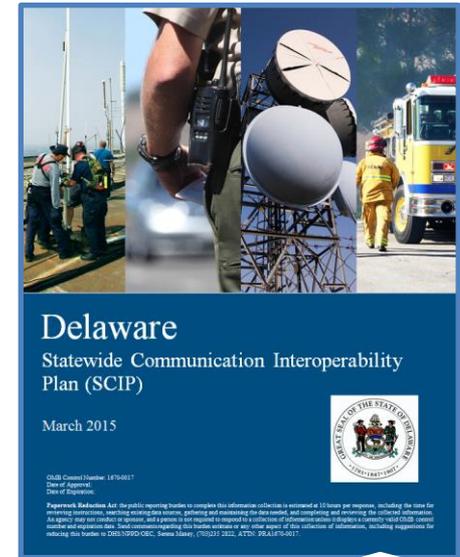
Did You Know?



National Emergency Communications Plan



Communications Unit Leader Courses



Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan



Current SAFECOM Initiatives

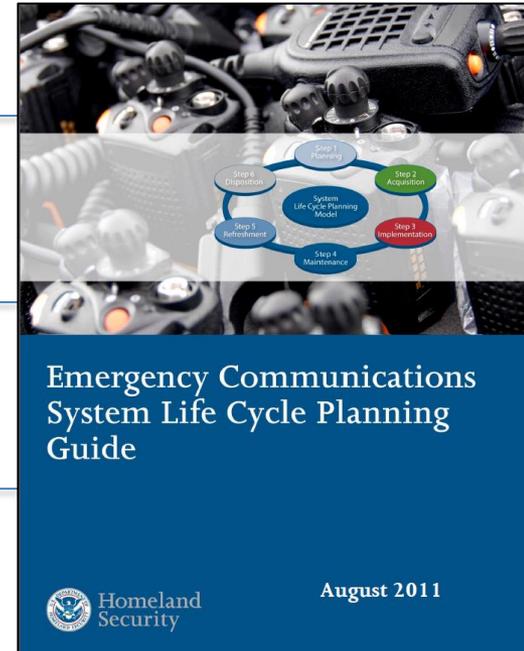
Evaluation of Communications Unit (COMU) lifecycle, credentialing process, and sustainability of the COMU training

Mapping effort to evaluate SAFECOM's association and organization involvement in current broadband initiatives

Development of a "Cybersecurity Primer for Public Safety" and a Vendor Interaction Best Practices Guide

Collection of innovative funding methods for Land Mobile Radio (LMR), 9-1-1, and broadband systems

Update the Life Cycle Planning Guide to include additional ideas on funding systems



Resources

- ▶ [Broadband Outreach Toolkit](#)
- ▶ [E-Government Strategy of 2001](#)
- ▶ [Grant Guidance](#)
- ▶ [The Communications Unit Leader \(COML\): A Valuable Resource for Incident Commanders](#)
- ▶ [Interoperability Continuum](#)
- ▶ [SAFECOM Charter](#)
- ▶ [SAFECOM Website](#)
- ▶ [Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program Public Safety Library](#)



Appendix: SAFECOM Member Associations

Executive Committee Member Associations

- ▶ Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
- ▶ International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- ▶ International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
- ▶ Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)
- ▶ Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association (Metro Chiefs)
- ▶ National Association of Counties (NACo)
- ▶ National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)
- ▶ National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
- ▶ National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC)
- ▶ National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA)
- ▶ National Governors Association (NGA)
- ▶ National League of Cities (NLC)
- ▶ National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)
- ▶ National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)
- ▶ US Conference of Mayors (USCM)
- ▶ Public Safety At-Large: Utah Communications Agency Network



SAFECOM Member Associations

- ▶ American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- ▶ American Public Works Association (APWA)
- ▶ Forestry Conservation Communications Association (FCCA)
- ▶ InterAgency Board (IAB)
- ▶ International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)
- ▶ International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA)
- ▶ Major County Sheriffs' Association (MCSA)
- ▶ National Associations of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)
- ▶ National Associations of Regional Councils (NARC)
- ▶ National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD)
- ▶ National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)
- ▶ National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)
- ▶ (National Emergency Management Association (NEMA)
- ▶ National Emergency Number Association (NENA)
- ▶ National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics (SEARCH)



SAFECOM At-Large Member Affiliates

- ▶ Fairfax County Fire and Rescue (VA)
- ▶ New York Fire Department
- ▶ Merrionette Park Fire Department (IL)
- ▶ New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
- ▶ New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development
- ▶ Baker Police Department (LA)
- ▶ Miami-Dade Police Department (FL)
- ▶ City of Cambridge Fire Department (MA)
- ▶ City of Boise Fire Department (ID)
- ▶ New York State Office of Public Safety
- ▶ Fairfax County Fire and Rescue (VA)
- ▶ San Diego Sheriff Department (CA)
- ▶ Arkansas Wireless Information Network
- ▶ Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications (VA)
- ▶ State of Wyoming
- ▶ Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications (CT)
- ▶ Michigan Department of Community Health, EMS, and Trauma
- ▶ Communications Coordination, Arizona State Forestry
- ▶ Ulster County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications

