



Homeland Security

Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) and NACo 2016

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OEC supports and promotes communications used by emergency responders and government officials to keep America safe, secure, and resilient. The office leads the Nation's operable and interoperable public safety and national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) communications efforts. OEC provides training, coordination, tools, and guidance to help its federal, state, local, tribal, territorial and industry partners develop their emergency communications capabilities. OEC's programs and services coordinate emergency communications planning, preparation, and evaluation to ensure safer, better-prepared communities nationwide.

Stop by our booth at NACo 2016 and learn how OEC can help you strengthen your jurisdiction's emergency communications capabilities.

We'll have information on many of our programs including:

Priority Telecommunications Services: OEC offers priority calling programs for mobile and land line communications to ensure the NS/EP and public safety community has access to priority telecommunications and restoration services.

SAFECOM Governance Guide: Developed by SAFECOM and the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC), the Governance Guide for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Officials is a tool for public safety professionals at all levels of government and disciplines to use in assessing, establishing, and sustaining effective emergency communications governance.

SAFECOM Grant Guidance: This annual document provides recommendations to grantees seeking funding for interoperable emergency communications projects, including allowable costs, items to consider when funding emergency communications projects, grants management best practices for emergency communications grants, and information on standards that ensure greater interoperability.

Technical Assistance (TA): TA is available to all 56 states and territories and provides direct support to state, local, and tribal emergency responders and government officials through the development and delivery of training, tools, and onsite assistance. Technical Assistance offerings are designed to help emergency responders continue to communicate during disasters or large-scale planned events.

Interoperable Communications Capability Analysis Program (ICCAP): OEC will work with up to 60 cities to identify interoperability gaps, build operational knowledge of the expanding emergency communications ecosystem, implement improvement plans, analyze trends and progress in interoperability nationwide, resulting in lessons learned and best practices that can be applied nationwide.

Funding and Maintaining Public Safety Radio Systems: SAFECOM and NCSWIC have recently released a brochure to help state and local decision-makers understand the importance of funding and maintaining public safety radio systems. The brochure highlights the importance of land mobile radio systems, the need for agencies to continue funding land mobile radio systems as new technologies are emerging, and best practices and resources for supporting public safety communications. SAFECOM and NCSWIC encourage all stakeholders to leverage the brochure to help educate state and local decision-makers, and ensure public safety communications is fully funded.

Visit us at booth 338 and learn about these programs and more. See you in Long Beach!