



REGIONAL COORDINATION FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Emergency communications are vital for every jurisdiction, from municipalities to States, from Tribal areas and Territories to the Federal government. Being able to communicate before, during and after a disaster requires coordination across multiple regions that includes relationship building, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing. To achieve this, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) established the Regional Coordination Branch to strengthen emergency communications and response capabilities across Federal, State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial governments at the regional and local levels through trusted relationships, collaboration, knowledge sharing, and program development.

OUTREACH TO STAKEHOLDERS

OEC stakeholders consist of both public and private sector organizations, including representatives of Federal, State, Tribal, Local and Territorial governments, emergency communications organizations, non-governmental organizations, and private sector companies. These stakeholders include:

- Public safety organizations and first responders;
- Law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical services, public health departments;
- Federal regional counterparts, including Federal Protective Service, and Protective Security Advisors;
- State government representatives, including State Homeland Security Advisors, Statewide Interoperability Coordinators and emergency managers;
- Local emergency managers and public safety answering points;
- Regional groups, including Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Groups and Regional Interoperability Councils;
- Tribal emergency managers and public safety representatives;
- Associations and non-governmental

organizations at regional and State levels, including American Red Cross chapters, State emergency management associations, and State chapters of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials; and,

- Urban Area Security Initiative representatives.

OEC COMMUNICATIONS LIAISONS (CLS)

OEC CLs plan and support Federal response and recovery assistance to commercial communications, wireline, wireless, satellite and broadcast infrastructures and to Federal, State, Tribal, Local and Territorial governments. CLs' key roles and responsibilities include:

- Supporting the preparedness, planning, coordination and improvement of resiliency for Federal communications infrastructures and commercial communications infrastructures supporting all levels of government;
- Providing OEC with feedback and assessments of emergency communications activities, accomplishments, issues, gaps, and constraints across the Nation;
- Coordinating between Federal agencies and the communications industry on a broad range of communications issues, training and exercises; and,

- Providing emergency response and recovery assistance support to Federal, State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial authorities.

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- Offering emergency response and recovery assistance support to Federal, State, Tribal, Local and Territorial authorities; and,
- Providing technical assistance, training and exercise support to State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial levels governments in the development and deployment of communications programs and assets.

OEC REGIONAL COORDINATORS (RCS)

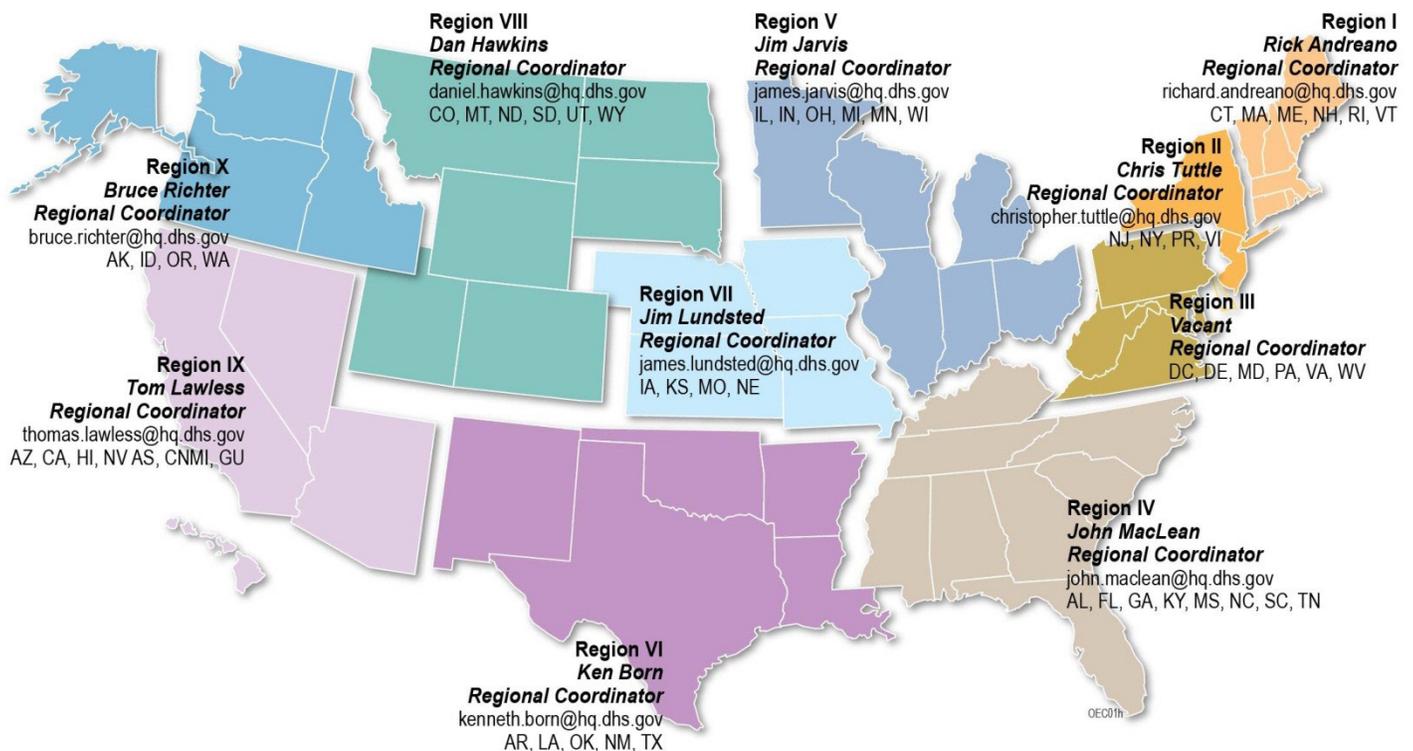
OEC RCs plan and support regional government emergency communications interoperability and operability development and operations. RCs' key roles and responsibilities include:

- Supporting the preparation, planning, coordination and improvement of the Federal, State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial levels agencies' resilient emergency communications capabilities and operations;
- Providing OEC with feedback and assessments of emergency communications activities,

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