

5.8.4.2 Develop and Implement a Strategy for Exercises Focused on or Incorporating Interoperable Communications

NECP Alignment:

NECP Objective	NECP Initiative	NECP Milestone
1	1.3	2
3	3.1	7
3	3.2	1
7	7.2	4

Gap Statement: Although exercise offerings vary at the local level, Arizona has not prioritized incorporating communication capabilities into exercise opportunities statewide and would benefit from conducting additional communications-focused exercises. Arizona does not have a multi-year statewide comprehensive communications T&EP that incorporates interoperable communications needs or capabilities.

Initiative Description: Emphasize incorporating interoperable communications into public safety and service agencies'/organizations' exercise opportunities, developing a multi-year communications focused regional T&EPs, and creating a consolidated statewide T&EP.

Priority: Medium

Term/Timeframe: Medium-term (2013)

Lead/Owner: PSIC Office

Primary Participants:

- Regional partners
- Local agencies
- State agencies
- Tribal agencies
- Federal agencies
- ADEM
- SIEC

Action Plan:

- 1) Conduct a statewide communications-focused exercise needs analysis
- 2) Evaluate existing regional exercise plans
- 3) Develop a statewide T&EP
 - a. Execute regional communications-focused T&EPWs which identify strategies to support funding, staffing, and CAP decisions within the regional T&EP
 - b. Execute a statewide communications-focused T&EPW which incorporates the regional T&EPs into a statewide T&EP

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- 4) Coordinate exercise offerings with identified communications-focused training needs (e.g., COML task book functional exercises, etc.)
- 5) Promote incorporating communications capabilities into exercise opportunities statewide
- 6) Execute communications-focused discussion- and operations-based exercises

Objectives:

- 1) Develop regional multi-year communications-focused T&EPs
- 2) Develop a statewide multi-year communications-focused T&EP
- 3) Conduct exercises focused on or incorporating interoperable communications

Performance Measures:

- 1) Regions finalize and publish multi-year communications-focused T&EPs
- 2) Finalize and publish a statewide multi-year communications-focused T&EP which incorporates existing regional T&EPs into a statewide T&EP
- 3) Incorporate communications capabilities into exercise plans and report on communications capabilities in After Action Reports/Improvement Plans

Critical Success Factors/Risks:

- 1) Availability of resources (e.g., funding, staffing, etc.)
- 2) Local and regional stakeholder interest and/or participation
- 3) Availability of technical assistance

Funding:

- Federal
 - IECGP
 - OEC
- State
 - ADEM
 - PSIC Office
- Local

Outreach Plan: See Sections 5.2.2 and 5.8.5.1.