

Public Safety Interoperable Communications

PSIC Office Overview



Public Safety Interoperable
Communications Office

PSIC Role



- The Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Office is responsible for advancing interoperable communications in Arizona and supporting the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC) and Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) in performance of their missions.

Vision & Mission



- **Vision:** Arizona's public safety personnel, at all levels of government and within non-governmental organizations, have access to quality interoperable communication systems, are adequately trained, and utilize such systems effectively in multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional incident response.
- **Mission:** The Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office will serve as a leader for Arizona in advancing public safety communications interoperability.

Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission



- The PSCC is charged with providing recommendations to the PSIC office on the development of standards based systems that provide interoperability of public safety communications statewide.
- The Commission consists of a Chairman (the ADOA Director or his designee) and 14 commissioners who are appointed by the Governor.
- The Commission currently meets every other month.

Statutory Framework



Arizona Revised Statutes 41-3542 sets forth the powers and duties of the PSIC and the PSCC. Section A of §41-3542 - Advisory commission; powers and duties; report states:

A. The Arizona public safety communications advisory commission shall make recommendations to the agency regarding the development and maintenance of work plans to outline areas of work to be performed and appropriate schedules for at least the following:

1. The development of a standard based system that provides interoperability of public safety agencies' communications statewide.
2. The promotion of the development and use of standard based systems.
3. The identification of priorities and essential tasks determined by the advisory commission.
4. The development of a timeline for project activities.
5. Completion of a survey of existing and planned efforts statewide and benchmark against similar efforts nationally.
6. Providing support for the state interoperability executive committee.
7. Establishing committees and work groups as necessary.

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee



- The SIEC is responsible for technical and operational recommendations to the PSCC as well as management of the UHF / VHF spectrums.
- The SIEC has five members. The two co-chairs are appointed by the PSCC; the three other members are selected by the co-chairs.
- The Committee currently meets every other month.

Roles Summary



- The key roles of the PSIC Office are:
- Arizona's Interoperability Representative
- Planning
- Consulting
- Funding & Reporting
- Logistics & Operations
- Stakeholder Engagement & Interactions

Arizona's Interoperability Representative



- Serve as Arizona's principal interoperability contact to the Federal government and other states.
- Interact with State, federal, local, tribal and non-governmental agencies and organizations.
- Participate in key multi-state, regional, border and demonstration initiatives with partners.
- Obtain resources for Arizona.

Planning



- Engage and garner input and direction from stakeholders.
- Utilize Technical Assistance resources when available.
- Utilize SAFECOM resources to support local efforts.
- Engage Consultants with expert national reputations.
- Develop Actionable Plans.

Consulting



- Project Oversight, Monitoring & Development
- Research & Analysis
- Resource Clearinghouse and Repository
- Identification of need for Federal Technical Assistance
- Support Communities in identifying, developing and submitting Grants
- Support development, selection and reporting of performance measures

Funding & Reporting



- Interact with multiple funding sources to ensure program sustainability.
- Identify and respond to grant opportunities.
- Identify and submit Technical Assistance Requests.
- Review, analyze and advise AZDOHS regarding grant submissions.
- Create state budget requests.
- Respond to requests for information from the State's budget offices.
- Report to the JLBC and the Governor's Office.

Logistics & Operations



- Support Commission, Committee, Workgroup and task force meetings.
- Develop and document tactical plans.
- Prepare Requests for Proposals (RFPs), Request for Quotes (RFQs).
- Prepare written documents and communications including project plans, memoranda, web-site content, meeting summaries, white papers, policy statements, presentations, newsletters and reports.

Stakeholder Engagement & Interaction



- Engage stakeholders in efforts to advance interoperable communications.
- Share information among stakeholders.
- Identify Needs and Resources.
- Participate in Trainings and Exercises
- Ensure feedback reaches PSCC, SIEC, etc...

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