

Looking Forward

Nevada's Communications Plans

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What's a SWIC?

As the central **coordination** point for their state or territory, the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) plays a critical role in a state's interoperability effort. The SWIC works **with** emergency response leaders across **all levels** of government to implement a statewide strategic vision for interoperability.

Brief History

Based on recommendations from emergency responders, the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) included a milestone in the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) that every state must have a **single point of contact for interoperable emergency communications**. With a full-time resource dedicated to coordinating statewide emergency communications, states significantly improve progress in implementing SCIPs and the NECP.

SWIC Scope of Work

- Outreach
- SCIP program management
- Grants coordination
- Policy development

SWIC Responsibilities

- Overseeing the daily operation of the state's interoperability efforts
- Coordinating interoperability and communications projects
- Maintaining governance structures
- Assembling working groups to develop and implement key initiatives
- Updating and implementing the SCIP

Nevada's SCIP

- Revised December 2012
- “Half the Size, Twice the Fun” initiative created a core document one-half the size of the older version, but with a more expansive point of view.
- Approved by NCSC September 2013
- Our SCIP sets the tone and vision for our interoperability efforts.

A New Focus

- Vision

The Nevada SCIP **embraces** our public safety community to **unify**, **strengthen**, and **protect** its ability to **serve** the residents and guests of the State.

- Mission

The Mission of the SCIP is to implement a communications **network** that is **robust** in **interoperable** function both **locally** and **across** the State.

Partnership & Inclusion

- Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
- Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)
- Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS)
- Infragard
- Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
- Nevada Guard Civil Support Team (CST)
- Nevada's Broadcasters
- Social Media

Advice from the SCIP

- “Emergency Communicators are ... no longer exclusively traditional public safety agency members ... but extend to allied agencies and auxiliary communicators.”
- “Nevada **encourages** relationships with such force multipliers, and inclusion of them in **all level** of training and exercise programs.”

SCIP, Section 3D

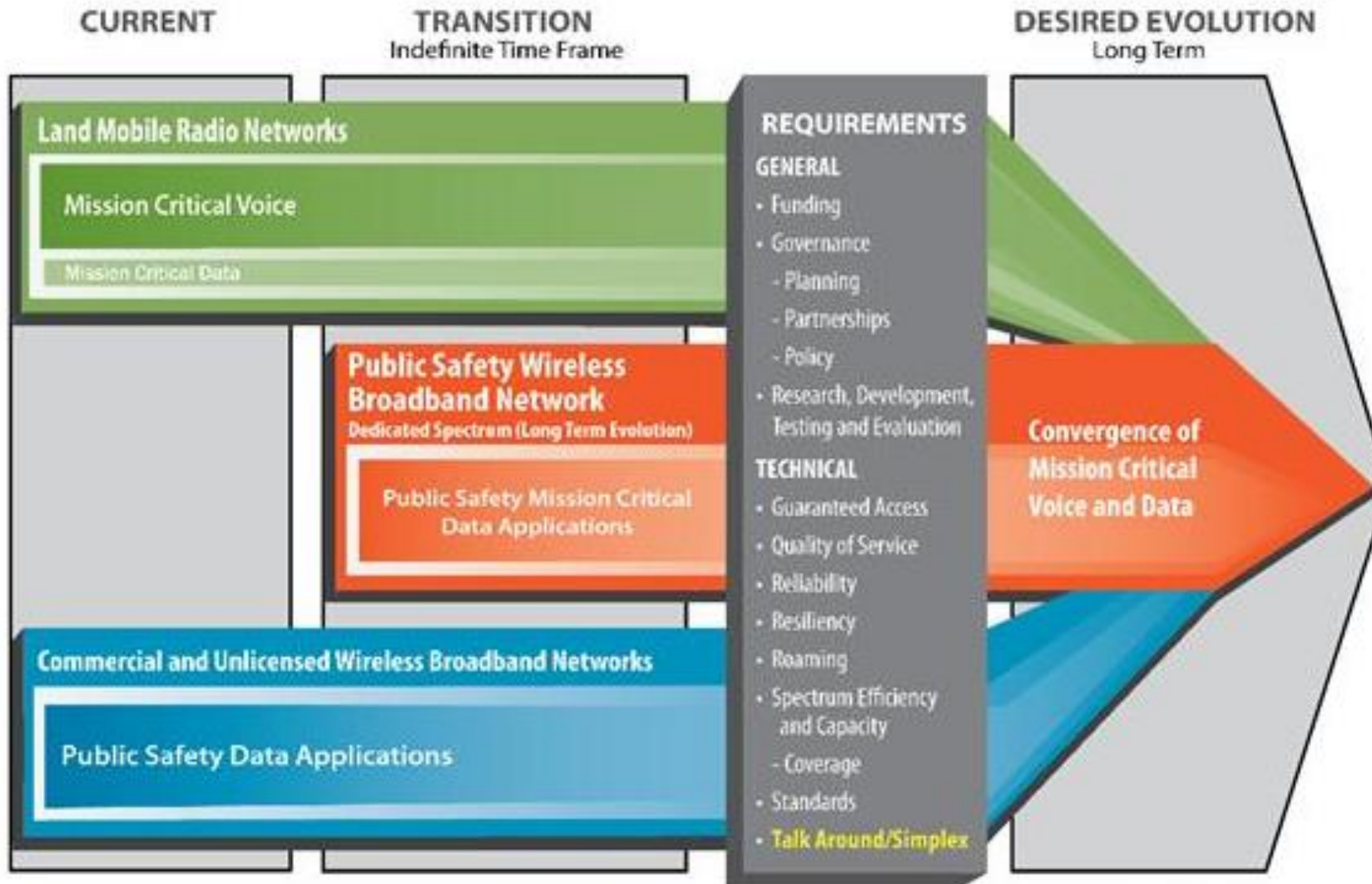
Training Opportunities

- OEC Training is requested for the State by the SWIC. We've requested:
 - Auxiliary Communicator Class (southern Nevada)
 - Broadband "101" for the Governor's Staff
 - Mobile Communication Vehicle Evaluation
 - Next Generation 9-1-1 Workshop
 - Communications Unit Leader "Train the Trainer"
 - Continuity of Operations (COOP) Workshop

A Living Document

- The SCIP is designed to evolve.
- Annexes are included for:
 - Southern Tactical Interoperable Communication Plan (TICP)
 - Northeast TICP
 - Northwest TICP
 - Statewide Emergency Alerting System (EAS) Plan
 - Urban Area Five-Year Plan
 - Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (FirstNet)

Public Safety Evolution



Advice from the SCIP

- “Nevada recognizes that SONNet, stakeholder groups, and NCSC all have a stake in the development of interoperability...”
- “Investments in LMR will continue to be necessary.”
- “It is therefore critical that [everyone] work closely with each other and the SWIC to harmonize their efforts.”

SCIP, Section 3G

Plans for the Coming Year

- Nevada Communications Interoperability Summit – Las Vegas
- Meetings in each County with communicators and service providers
- Revision of the Nevada Interoperability Field Guide (NevIFOG)
- Development of an electronic version of the NevIFOG for use on smart phones and portable devices
- Service

Final Words

“Our goal ... is that responders can communicate as needed, on demand, and as authorized, at all levels of government and across all disciplines.”

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Thank You

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