



State of Washington

State Interoperability Executive Committee

SIEC MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021





Agenda For Review

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of October 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
- **News and Information Roundtable**
- **Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Proposal**
- **Good of the Order/Public Comments**
- **Executive Session for Members and Select Staff Only – Closed to public - Washington Field Operations Guide (WAFOG)**



Approval of October 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes



News & Information Roundtable



WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT



***Statewide Interoperability Coordinator
for the State of Washington***



Purpose

- To establish a new WA Statewide Interoperability Coordinator position within the Washington Military Department for a period of 12-18 months beginning in July 2021 with intent to establish a permanent FTE
- Obtain funding participation from agency stakeholders
- Responsible for developing and maintaining the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP), a statewide strategic plan to standardize and ensure compatibility of radio, telecommunications networks and infrastructure for the State of Washington.
- The Washington SWIC will work closely with regional SWICs in the states of Oregon, Idaho, California & Alaska as well as peers, nationwide, to ensure critical cooperation and collaboration occurs





Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC)



Our Customers



Headquarters



Air National Guard



Emergency Management



Army National Guard



WA Youth Academy



Cyber Defense Teams

- Over 8,000 personnel
- Diverse missions
- Serving the public is at the core of what we do



SWIC Statewide Roles

- Collaborate with state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal governments and emergency response groups (including those designated as Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), in long-term strategic planning
- Communicate regularly with all interoperability stakeholders and partners on the development of projects, plans, policies, standards, priorities, and guidelines, ensuring transparency and information sharing
- Coordinate governing body activities to maximize integration and collaboration across the emergency communications landscape





SWIC Statewide Roles

- Serve as the point of contact for the Federal Government and industry on issues concerning statewide interoperable communications
- Seek guidance, input, and recommendations from state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal agencies on the SCIP
- Drive the development, implementation, and regular update of the SCIP
- Coordinate interstate, intrastate, and regional public safety communications interoperability





The Financials



- Funding needed for 1 FTE at the IT Senior Specialist level is \$180,000 to cover both salary and benefits
- We are requesting seven state agencies to participate and contribute a total of \$25,714 for this effort
- DOC, DFW, DNR, ECY, MIL, WSDOT, & WSP have all been identified as agencies who will benefit the most from this effort. If others should be included, please advise accordingly.
- The primary goal of this effort is to obtain a long-term funding solution



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Good of the Order/ Public Comments

**Next Meeting:
August 19, 2021**

**Location:
Virtual?**



Executive Session

Washington Field Operations

Guide



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Washington State Field Operations Guide (WAFOG)



Purpose

The purpose of the Washington Statewide Tactical Interoperable Communications Field Operations Guide (WAFOG) is to increase efficiency in establishing interoperable communications during incidents, create a consistent knowledge base of interoperable communications frequencies and networks, and provide a helpful tool for pre-planning and interoperable communications training and exercises





WAFOG Statewide Role

- Help to resolve the most common interoperability issues faced when deploying to a disaster
- Identifies requestable resources state-wide, broken out by Homeland Security (HLS) Regions
- Establishes positional based points of contact for major communications systems by HLS region





Prioritization of Shared Interoperability Assets

- Agencies should judiciously activate needed interoperable assets both to respond effectively to the event and/or incident and to minimize any negative impact on surrounding agencies or jurisdictions
- Specifically, interoperable communications should be attempted with the following order of deployment in mind (subject to the involved agencies' disciplines/responsibilities and the nature of the event/incident)





National and Regional Interoperability Channels

- Outlines Pertinent NIFOG channels with the intent of reduction in a COML's loadout
- Identifies commonly used channels by both HLS region and SAR mission use
- Includes use instructions for commonly fielded satellite phones, as well as quick-reference information for COM-Ts programming radios in a field environment



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Questions?