



State of Utah

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

National Emergency Communications Plan

Implementing NECP Goal 2

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) developed the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) to establish goals and priorities for improving emergency communications across the United States. The NECP's three goals establish a baseline level of interoperable emergency communications during routine, day-to-day incidents, and for responses to significant, large-scale disasters. NECP Goal 2 focuses on the demonstration of response-level emergency communications by all counties or county equivalents during day-to-day incidents and states that: **“By 2011, 75 percent of all non-Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies.”**

IMPORTANCE OF GOAL 2 DEMONSTRATION

Utah has been working with the DHS Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) to measure the NECP Goals throughout state. The NECP Goal 2 assessment process is designed to improve our understanding of emergency communications across Utah and focus improvement activities, such as:

- Identifying gaps in emergency communication capabilities
- Developing plans for future emergency communications investments
- Targeting resources and assistance to where support is needed most

GOAL 2 DATA COLLECTION: RESPONSE-LEVEL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Utah has worked with OEC to determine the most effective and efficient way to assess Goal 2 at the county level. Every county is asked to report on two types of information related to capability and performance. Capabilities are the foundational elements of emergency communications as described in the SAFECOM Interoperability Continuum <http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/tools/continuum>. Performance focuses on the ability of primary operational leadership to communicate, manage resources, and make timely decisions during an incident, exercise, or planned event. Utah is encouraging all counties to utilize an exercise, a planned event, or a past real world incident to demonstrate Goal 2. Specific guidance to assist counties with evaluating and reporting on their capabilities and performance is attached.

To implement Goal 2, Utah is encouraging counties to utilize the OEC-developed Response-Level Communications Evaluation tool. This tool will make data entry and reporting easy and is a useful tool for evaluating events and incidents in service of Goal 2 and any other evaluation efforts. Data entered now can serve as comparison data against which future events may be evaluated. Counties may visit <https://franz.spawar.navy.mil/> and click on Response-Level Communications Tool (NECP Goal 2), username Utah and password N3Cpt00L! to obtain a username and password that is specific to their county. If a county is unable to use the online tool for any reason, they may contact the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) for paper reporting documents.

DUE DATES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The SWIC must receive all data from counties by August 15, 2011 to allow for proper reporting to OEC. Data may be submitted via e-mail using provided paper forms or directly from the online tool by pushing the “Send to SWIC” button. For more information about the NECP Goal 2 measurement process, please contact Scott Wolford at 801-538-3700, 801-707-4942, or swolford@utah.gov.