

Communications Interoperability Assessment Guide

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| Jurisdiction: | Node: | Node Leader: |
| Region: | Node Location: | |
| Name: | | Phone: |
| (jurisdiction rep) Address: | Title: | Email: |
| | City: | State: |
| | | Zip: |

Goal 2: Coordinate Response

Objective 2.a. Communications Interoperability

1. Establish a Communications Unit within the Incident Management organization.

1. a - Was a unit leader Designated?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

1.b - Did the designated Comms Unit leader work with the Ops Chief or IC to plan out all comm needs?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

1.c - Is there a certified Comms Unit leader within the COG? Did he/she participate in this role during the exercise?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

2. Did the Comms Unit develop an effective short term (within 1 hour of incident notification) and long term (within 24 hours of the incident) Communications plan?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

2.a - Did they clearly identify the communications needs of all responding agencies, internal and external?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

2.b - Did they determine specific changes and additions that might be required to meet their interoperability needs?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

Objective 2.b. Communications Resource Management

1. Plan and Develop an ICS 205 Form

1.a - Did the comms unit accurately account for all of the frequencies and channels needed for tactical, command, and logistics networks?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

1.b- Utilizing Texas Interoperability Channel Plan (TICP) channels, establish: (as a minimum)

- one network for logistics

- one network for Command

- three networks for operations

Demonstrated? Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

2. Utilize the frequencies of the Texas Interoperability Channel Plan (TICP) for as much of the exercise scenario as possible and specify: Are the jurisdictions involved trained on how to access and use the TICP frequencies?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

3. Have the jurisdictions involved entered into a signed MOU for the Texas Interoperability Channel Plan with the Texas

DPS?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

4. Is there a continual communications training program for turn-over (new) personnel?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

5. Is the nomenclature of the channels the same in the Texas Interoperability Channel Plan?

Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

6. Set up at least two gateways, including the following, radios as a minimum:

- 800 MHz (at a minimum the NPS-PAC frequencies)
- 150 MHz (wide and narrow bands)
- 400 MHz
- Other bands as may be required for the scenario

(Command network and at least one of the tactical networks (as outlined in the ICS-205) should be connected via a gateway.)

Demonstrated? Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

7. For the exercise, in addition to the Texas Interoperability Channel Plan frequencies, add at least one agency which doesn't have the T Texas Interoperability Channel Plan frequencies in their radios and cannot program them in. Indicate how you accomplished this.

Demonstrated? Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

8. Demonstrate how you will order additional communications equipment from outside agencies, including at least one national cache (some caches are in Texas: some state agencies; commercial service providers)

Demonstrated? Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

9. Develop and utilize an inventory tracking system for the communications equipment. Simulate at least two rotations with this equipment in which you demonstrate equipment checked out, checked in, checked out again, etc.

Demonstrated?: Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment:

10. Include in the exercise as many jurisdictions with varying communications capabilities as possible. Deploy radios to organizations that do not have any communications equipment but are a part of the Incident management organization.

Demonstrated?: Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____

Comment: