



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### **ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes that public safety is a core function of state government; and

**WHEREAS:** Interoperable communications is a critical need for first responders and other public safety personnel; and

**WHEREAS:** Effective governance is essential to efficient operation and utilization of state communications assets; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia desires to design, implement and maintain an interoperable communication system that ensures the public safety through a partnership of state agencies and private sector stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS:** No other legally authorized entity now exists in the State of Georgia with the authority to properly address issues of interoperability among the state's public safety community.

### **NOW, THEREFORE BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That there is created a Georgia Statewide Public Safety Interoperability Executive Committee which is vested with all of the powers and authority set forth in the provisions of this Executive Order.

### **IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the Committee shall meet at least quarterly, ensure that state communications resources are utilized in a manner that is in the best interest of the State of Georgia, establish guidelines for subcommittees and/or working group by appointment, prepare reports (as may be required) regarding the operation of the committee, and shall ensure that the requirements of grants, funding allocations, contracts, and agreements are met and that public safety needs are ensured.

**IT IS FURTHER**

- ORDERED:** That the Committee shall be composed of the following members:
- The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Administrative Services
  - The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections
  - The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources
  - The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety
  - The Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation
  - The Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security
  - The Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission
  - The Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
  - The State's Chief Information Officer
  - A representative of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
  - A representative of the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services
  - A representative of the Georgia Fire Chiefs Association
  - A representative of the Georgia Sheriff's Association
  - A representative of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia
  - A representative of the Georgia Municipal Association

**IT IS FURTHER**

- ORDERED:** That the Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security shall serve as the Chairperson and that the Second Vice Chairperson shall be the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Member agencies or organizations may designate a representative, and they may invite such persons as they deem necessary to temporarily serve as non-voting members when such membership will benefit the functions of the committee. Members will serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement from their individual agencies, grant, or other funding source, if available.

**IT IS FURTHER**

- ORDERED:** That the Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security shall serve as the State Administrative Agent for purposes of administering federal and state funds associated with the federal Public Safety Broadband Network.

**IT IS FURTHER**

- ORDERED:** That State agency members of the Committee shall provide staff and other resources, as necessary, to perform the functions of this Committee.

**IT IS FURTHER**

- ORDERED:** That the Committee shall establish a standing technical advisory subcommittee that shall include the State's Chief Technology Officer and other members as determined by the Committee.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the Committee shall have the authority to:

1. Establish policies regarding the implementation of interoperable communications (when such implementation shall involve or affect state-owned communications resources or statewide communications systems.)
2. Review and adopt the State Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP), or similar official state strategic plan on interoperable communication, for guidance on the goals and objectives of this Committee.
3. Review plans to utilize any state-owned tangible and intangible communications assets to support public safety as long as such utilization does not adversely affect the primary purpose of the assets.
4. Review plans for the deployment of new communications assets that will affect statewide public safety communications.
5. Review plans for the procurement, installation, operation, and maintenance of communications systems to support or enhance public safety.
6. Review plans for the issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and/or Requests for Quotes (RFQs) for equipment or services necessary to implement or improve public safety communications systems.
7. Review contracts and/or agreements for equipment or services to implement or improve public safety communications systems, when funding is available.
8. Review applications for grants and other proposals for financial assistance in the implementation of the State interoperable communication network.
9. Establish subcommittees and working groups as necessary to accomplish the purposes of the committee.
10. Make recommendations to the Governor regarding public safety communications and interoperability.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the exercise of authority, as outlined in this Executive Order, shall be in accordance with established statutes, policies, rules and regulations of the State of Georgia, unless the committee is specifically exempted by an act of the General Assembly.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the responsibilities established for the Committee shall not relieve any state agency, board or authority of its established responsibility, unless such responsibility is specifically transferred to the Committee by Executive Order or an act of the General Assembly, or both.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.



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**GOVERNOR**