



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION SUMMITS

I invite you to participate in a summit to enhance public safety communications in the state of Washington.

It is of paramount importance that we have strong, effective communication systems to connect public safety responders during major disasters and local emergencies. I urge you to participate in this important event to help develop a collaborative approach between all levels of government to save time, money, and most importantly, lives in an emergency situation.

Gov. Christine Gregoire

Who Should Attend

Elected officials, high-level decision makers, communications directors, and others committed to preparing their communities for emergencies.

Your Participation is Important

This summit will bring policymakers together to develop strategies to improve governance and multi-jurisdictional collaboration, which are critical to an effective public safety response. You'll have an opportunity to attend panel sessions of elected officials and others with technical, policy and operational experience who have implemented successful communication systems.

Summit Objectives

- Eliminate incompatible legacy communications equipment.
- Identify the equipment needed so that technology supports rather than drives the solutions.
- Share best practices and lessons learned.
- Complete existing limited and fragmented planning.
- Build avenues of coordination and cooperation.
- Identify standard operating procedures, technology, training and exercises, and usage.
- Create a dialog between local government officials to further the establishment of regional interoperability committees to solve problems at the local level.
- Provide information on current planning efforts and near-term solutions to create future opportunities.
- Give local governments an opportunity to provide input on the next phase of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan.

Questions

Contact Laura Kingman, State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Outreach and Public Affairs Coordinator, at the Washington State Patrol at laura.kingman@wsp.wa.gov or 360.507.3881.

Spokane

Nov. 30, 2007

9:00am–2:00pm

Seattle

Dec. 5, 2007

9:00am–2:00pm

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beginning Nov. 1 at
www.siec.wa.gov