Office of Emergency Communications

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The Office of Emergency Communications supports and promotes communications used by emergency responders and government officials to keep America safe, secure, and resilient.
OEC Authorities

- **Title 18 of The Homeland Security Act of 2002**
  Title XVIII authorizes OEC to “(14) perform such other duties of the Department necessary to support and promote the ability of emergency response providers and relevant government officials to continue to communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters”

- **Executive Order 13618**
  Executive Order 13618 realigned and combined the functions of legacy OEC and legacy NCS
OEC Programs and Activities

**Strategic Planning**
- National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP)
- Statewide Plans in all 56 States, territories

**Stakeholder Collaboration**
- SAFECOM Program, National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC)
- Emergency Communications Preparedness Center (ECPC), One DHS

**Preparedness**
- Technical Assistance
- Statewide Workshops

**Planning for Emerging Technologies**
- NPSBN - Broadband, Next Generation 9-1-1
The Interoperability Continuum
Evolving Emergency Communications Operating Environment

- Greater emphasis on **“whole community”** — more stakeholders in emergency response
- **IP-based technologies** are transforming flow of information during incident response
- Modernization of communications changing the **broader operating environment**

Governmental Agencies (F/S/L/T/T)

Notifications, Alerts & Warnings

Public / NGOs / Private Sector

Incident Response and Coordination

Public Information Exchange

Reporting & Requests for Assistance

Governmental Agencies (F/S/L/T/T)
RCB Emergency Response & Recovery Ops

- Non-Federally Declared Emergencies
  - Based on OEC authorities, we can be deployed to provide assistance in full coordination with Federal partners to affected Federal, State, Tribal, local, and territorial level stakeholders.

- Federally Declared Emergencies
  - During a Federally declared emergency, OEC may be Mission Assigned by NCC/NCCIC to support response and recovery efforts.