

INTEROPERABILITY LEADERSHIP



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Leaders need to facilitate change,
effective communication and look
for opportunities to build consensus.



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Interoperability Vision

Wouldn't the citizens be better served if ND had a "statewide" radio system instead of a "state radio PSAP," and a few regional, and several local PSAPs?



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A standardized statewide radio system would have:

Integration of all PSAPS

- Integrated database with backup mechanism;
- Integrated CAD systems;
- Integrated mapping systems;
- Integrated infrastructure;
- Integrated frequencies;

And...



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Integrated standard policies and protocols;
Integrated best practices;
Redundancy from any area in the state for
statewide communications;
Statewide standards for the hiring, training,
and certification of communications
specialists anywhere in ND.



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If together, we accomplish this vision, we would meet the intent of Congress, the Department of Homeland Security, as well as the expectations of taxpayers who are depending on us to do what is best for them.



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What would happen in ND if:

We realized that we may be inefficiently spending tax dollars supporting public safety answering points that may not be cost effective and may actually work against integration and leveraging technology and infrastructure.

And...



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We understand the lack of interoperability that exists among some of our PSAPs may hinder our first responders, especially during a major incident involving in-state mutual aid.

By developing interoperable communications systems, we will enhance our ability to integrate with other jurisdictions, whether federal or out-of-state response agencies.

Did you know?

- The West Fargo PSAP has saved \$150,000 per year because of their merger with Fargo.



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Our future challenges include change:

Voice over internet protocol;
Evolution of P-25 equipment;
Narrow banding in voice communications;
Next generation 911;

And...



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Automatic vehicle locators;
Technology advances in data;
Requirements for redundancy; and
Continued evolution forced by the
Federal government based on the threat.



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Did you know?

Today in North Dakota, in the event of a catastrophic disaster, we are not capable of statewide communications interoperability.



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THE TRUTH IS THIS:

We need to change;
We need to evolve;
We need to progress; and
We need to make decisions and take action
based on forward thinking and what is best for
the public.



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Emergency Response Leaders as change agents

The timing is right and the opportunity is now to develop solutions to the gaps and inefficiencies in our statewide communication infrastructure.

As leaders in your local community, you are poised to affect these changes and improve public safety statewide.



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IT'S NOT ABOUT ***BEING*** RIGHT,
IT'S ABOUT ***DOING*** RIGHT.



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