



National Emergency Communications Plan Goal 2

The National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) establishes a vision for emergency communications in the United States. Goal 2 of the NECP establishes target levels of interoperable emergency communications for Federal, State, regional, local, and tribal jurisdictions.

By 2011, 75 percent of non-Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies.

Goal 2 focuses on the demonstration of response-level emergency communications within one hour¹ for *routine* events in non-UASI jurisdictions.² The Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) is working with States³ to develop a methodology for collecting data at the county level. To provide for the greatest degree of flexibility in collecting Goal 2 data, each State will determine its own unique implementation methodology to collect Goal 2 capability and performance data. The methodology chosen by the States will be reported to OEC in the FY 2010 Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Implementation Report.

Goal 2 Demonstration Guidelines

Goal 2 demonstration requires States to report on interoperability data collected at the county level. As a part of this process, States will assess their counties' ability to demonstrate response-level emergency communications using a Web-based Incident Evaluation Tool. Counties may select an exercise, event, or incident for Goal 2 as long as it involves multiple jurisdictions and responder disciplines and is managed under a National Incident Management System-compliant Incident Command System. Goal 2 demonstrations may include vehicle collisions, non-catastrophic natural disasters, and large public gatherings.

States will also be asked to report on their counties' communications capabilities along the SAFECOM Interoperability Continuum. OEC encourages States to leverage existing governance structures and reporting methodologies when assessing and collecting Goal 2 performance and capability data. This capability data will assist OEC in its analysis of Goal 2 performance and help identify national trends in local emergency communications.

Reporting

After the capability and performance data has been collected, each State will report their counties' data to OEC. OEC will conclude the NECP Goal 2 demonstration process by analyzing the data collected, identifying nationwide trends, and preparing an aggregate report of nationwide results.

¹ OEC defines the one-hour requirement as one hour after the arrival of two or more emergency responders at an exercise, event, or incident requiring response from multiple jurisdictions/agencies and the establishment of an incident command site.

² Non-UASI jurisdictions refer to all counties and county-equivalents.

³ States refers to States and territories.