

## **Regional Emergency Communications Center**

"It is important for public safety agencies (such as law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire services) to be able to provide and maintain communications before, during, and after a disaster or emergency." <https://www.fema.gov/disaster-emergency-communications>

"Many regional councils with 9-1-1 responsibilities have also developed sophisticated data and mapping programs, which has allowed for the deployment of more advanced regional and local emergency notification systems." <http://txregionalcouncil.org/regional-programs/emergency-communications/>

"The Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) is a locally-driven, multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary statewide plan to enhance emergency communications. The purpose of the Oklahoma SCIP is to serve as a central point of reference and operational roadmap for stakeholders committed to meeting the standard of public safety interoperable communications that has been established by the state. The SCIP outlines Oklahoma's vision and mission for statewide interoperable communications and the goals and objectives required to achieve that vision. The goals and objectives in this plan are aligned to SAFECOM's Interoperability Continuum **while remaining relevant to Oklahoma's specific needs.**

The Oklahoma SCIP parallels a nationwide effort to enhance interoperable communications supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications (OEC). The SCIP also reflects the state's commitment to aligning with the National Emergency Communication Plan (NECP).

The SCIP is a living document reflecting past initiatives, describing current action and projecting future plans to move towards an optimal level of interoperability throughout the state. It will be updated annually to reflect adjustments made to interoperability planning and to highlight goals that have been achieved.

[https://www.ok.gov/homeland/Interoperable\\_Communications/Statewide\\_Communications\\_Interoperability\\_Plan\\_\(SCIP\)/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/homeland/Interoperable_Communications/Statewide_Communications_Interoperability_Plan_(SCIP)/index.html)

"The purpose of the State 911 Department Regional and Regional Secondary PSAP and **Regional Emergency Communication Center Development Grant program** is to support the development and startup of regional and regional secondary PSAPs and regional emergency communication centers, including the expansion or upgrade of existing regional and regional secondary PSAPs, to maximize effective emergency 911 and dispatch services as well as regional interoperability.

The State 911 Department invites eligible entities to submit applications for grant funds under the State 911 Department Regional and Regional Secondary PSAP and Regional Emergency Communication Center Development Grant program.

In order to assist eligible entities, the State 911 Department has qualified, through a Request for Response, multiple regional planning and feasibility consultants to serve as a resource to communities in the preparation of regionalization feasibility studies and other matters relating to regionalization efforts, including technical, operational, and governance matters.

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/state-911/state-911-department-regional-and-regional.html>