

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**  
**DOVER**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

**No. 39, Reestablishment of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council to Promote and Enhance Statewide Interoperability of Public Safety Communications Systems**

**WHEREAS**, the safety of all Delawareans is of paramount importance; and

**WHEREAS**, effective public safety communications are critical to protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, to communicate effectively with the public about safety issues, all levels of government must cooperate and share a wide variety of data, including voice, electronic, and video information;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Communications Commission has adopted new technological and coordination requirements that affect the ability of public safety communications systems to interoperate with one another; and

**WHEREAS**, state, federal, local, and private entities with similar communications requirements must work cooperatively to promote and enhance statewide interoperability of public safety communications systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the attainment of interoperable public safety communications requires statewide coordination and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, to advance the above-referenced goals, the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council was established by Executive Order Number 104, signed by Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner in November 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council would benefit from additional diversity and flexibility in power of appointment of its members;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JACK A. MARKELL**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. The Delaware Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (hereinafter, "SIEC") is hereby reestablished. The SIEC shall consist of the following members:

a. The Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security or his or her designee, appointed by the Secretary;

b. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation or his or her designee, appointed by the Secretary;

c. The Chief Information Officer of the State of Delaware or his or her designee, appointed by the Chief Information Officer;

d. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services or his or her designee, appointed by the Secretary;

e. The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his or her designee, appointed by the Commissioner;

f. The Adjutant General of the Delaware National Guard or his or her designee, appointed by the Adjutant General;

g. A representative of New Castle County Government, appointed by the County Executive;

h. A representative of Kent County Government, appointed by the County Administrator;

i. A representative of Sussex County Government, appointed by the County Administrator;

j. A representative of the City of Wilmington, appointed by the Mayor of Wilmington;

k. A representative of the Delaware League of Local Governments, appointed by the President of the League;

l. A representative of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association, appointed by the President of the DVFA;

m. A representative of the Delaware Police Chiefs' Council, appointed by the Chairperson of the Council;

n. A representative of the Delaware Public Service Commission, as appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission;

o. A representative of the Office of the Governor; appointed by the Governor; and

p. Other members as recommended by the SIEC, as approved and appointed by the Governor.

2. All members of the SIEC shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security shall be the Chairperson of the SIEC.

3. The Chairperson of the SIEC may form subcommittees consistent with the needs of the SIEC to address public safety interoperability issues including, but not limited to the following: technical support, operations support, and training and exercise support. The subcommittees may include individuals who are not members of the SIEC but who have demonstrated an interest or expertise in public safety interoperability issues. The SIEC Chair shall appoint an SIEC member to serve as Chair of each subcommittee.

4. The purpose of the SIEC shall be to provide policy-level direction and promote efficient and effective use of resources for matters related to public safety communications interoperability. To that end it shall:

a. Develop and maintain a statewide communications interoperability plan;

b. Develop standards for public safety communications to ensure consistent development of existing and future communications infrastructure;

- c. Promote cooperation among state, federal, and local public safety agencies in addressing statewide communications interoperability needs in Delaware;
  - d. Review priorities for statewide communications interoperability needs and assist in the development of projects, plans, policies, standards, priorities, and guidelines for communications interoperability;
  - e. Ensure adequate wireless spectrum to accommodate all public safety communications; and
  - f. Provide recommendations to the Governor and the Delaware General Assembly, when appropriate, concerning issues related to statewide communications interoperability for public safety in Delaware.
5. The SIEC shall adopt and operate in accordance with bylaws. These bylaws may be amended, supplemented, or repealed as needed by the SIEC.

Jack A. Markell,  
Governor

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