



California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIIEC)
“Central Valley Planning Area”
(OES Mutual Aid Region 5)

City of Clovis Fire Department - EOC Room, 1233 5th Street, Clovis, CA 93612

December 12, 2006 MEETING NOTES
(draft as of 12/28/06)

Meeting Purpose: 1) To develop strategic action plan for building political buy-in on interoperability at the regional level. 2) To recommend what areas of the Central Valley should work together to develop a Tactical Interoperability Communication Plan (TICP). 3) To further develop charter elements of CALSIIEC Central Valley Planning Area (including leadership).

Next Meeting Date: February 8, 10am – 1pm., City of Clovis, EOC Room, 1233 5th Street

Summary of Attendance: Thirty people in attendance including representatives of OES, CERT, CHP, Fire, Police, CDF, Sheriff, CALTRANS, CSUF, EMS, DGS, National Weather Service and facilitation support. Participants working for various agencies in attendance from following counties: Kern, Fresno, Kings, Merced.

Action Items:

- Mutual Aid Frequencies/ Nomenclature – Everyone was asked to think about the proposal George Lowry presented.
- Participants suggested that the Central Valley CALSIIEC group have just one Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP). Recommendation to be taken forward to CALSIIEC chair John Powell: The consensus from the discussion was that it would be better to stay aligned with the mutual aid system (6 groups versus the current 4 regional groups).
- Key Charter changes:
 - *Decision making* – After discussion the group agreed this question needed more thought and it would be determined at the next meeting.
 - *Membership* – Change Media to Public Information; Add: NGOs; State Military; Tribal; Support Organizations such as the National Weather Service (NWS); Federal Rep.
 - *Leadership* -- Those interested in the Chair or Vice Chair position should talk with their supervisors and if interested please contact Julia Lee.
- Outreach. More outreach is necessary. Department Heads should do the outreach to their colleagues/ counterparts
 - Fire→Fire
 - Police→Police
 - Sheriff→Sheriff
 - Specifically: Madera, Kings, Tulare need to be more involved.
 - All meeting participants the people they think should attend the meetings. Share information about the group at local meetings.
 - Need S.O's – Sarah and Julia will work with Phil on this outreach.

- A new workgroup was formed: The Radio Interoperability Work Group. They will meet on 12/20 at 1:30pm at the Fresno City Yard.
- Caltrans has video conferencing capabilities and Paul Gonzalez will look into the possibility of the group using it.
- Sarah to email all names and emails of all attendees.

Key Themes:

- Political buy-in is a critical piece of what needs to happen for the region to successfully move toward interoperability. Consistent funding is essential. Much needs to be done in the way of reaching out to and educating key leaders. There should be a specific focus on local electeds (City Councils and Boards of Supervisors) and presenting to them and educating them ‘at their level.’
- Tactical Interoperability Communication Plans (TICPs) -- As far as moving toward an Operability Plan there was agreement that a first step is to look at Fresno’s TICIP as well as other TICPs. The Fresno based TICIP needs work (expanded & defined). All efforts will need a strong training component and concerted effort must be made not to leave any (smaller) areas out.
- Much thought needs to be put into how nomenclature issues will be smoothed out.
- Group Membership was made official.
- More outreach is necessary. Need consistent participation. Consider rotating meeting.

I. Welcome, Greetings, & Summary of last Meeting

Julia Lee, Center for Collaborative Policy, CSUS, opened the meeting. After welcomes and introductions a brief summary of the group’s last meeting was provided.

II. Grants Information- SAFECOM

Holly Ziegler, State OES, provided information about SAFECOM grants. She had included the information in the meeting packet (and all the information can be found at calsiec.org).

George Lowry, State OES, commented on the SAFECOM continuum and about planning in general. He suggested that everyone think about using the continuum as a framework for organizing deliverables. With grant applications you will then be ‘speaking the same dialect’ as the grant reviewers.

George then went on to explain that there is discussion of the next congress’ approach to addressing the 9/11 Commission recommendations. Specifically there is interest in efforts to increase civilian and public safety interoperability. The Signal Corps is something people might start hearing more about too.

Next George talked about a new handout focused on Nomenclature (pasted in below). **Need to add source of this document.**

"Consensus Proposal"

Draft - 12/4/2006

Alternative to the NCC/NPSTC Interoperability Nomenclature Proposal

CALIFORNIA

Mobile Receive FREQUENCY (MHz)	Mobile Transmit FREQUENCY (MHz)	Repeater, Base/Mobile, or Talkaround	PRIMARY SERVICE	LEGACY OES / FCC CHANNEL LABEL	NCC PROPOSED CHANNEL LABEL	CONSENSUS PROP. CHANNEL LABEL
Lowband						

39.4600	45.8600	Repeater	California Law	CLEMARS 7	N/A	CLEMARS7
39.4600	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Law	CLEMARS 6	3LAW1	LLAW 1
39.4800	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Fire Proposed		3FIR2	LFIRE 1
45.8600	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Law	CLEMARS 7 (Input)	3LAW3	LLAW 2
45.8800	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Fire		3FIR4	LFIRE 2
VHF Highband						
151.1375	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Any Public Safety	VTAC 1	1TAC5	VTAC 1
152.0075	Simplex	Base/Mobile	EMS		1EMS6	VMED 1
154.2650	Simplex	Mobile	Fire	WHITE 2	1FIR7	VFIRE 1
154.2725	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Fire		1FIR8	VFIRE 2
154.2800	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Fire	WHITE 1	1FIR9	VFIRE 3
154.2875	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Fire		1FIR10	VFIRE 4
154.2950	Simplex	Mobile	Fire	WHITE 3	1FIR11	VFIRE 5
154.3025	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Fire		1FIR12	VFIRE 6
154.4525	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Any Public Safety	VTAC 2	1TAC13	VTAC 2
154.9200	Simplex	Base/Mobile	California Law	CLEMARS 1	N/A	CLEMARS1
154.9350	Simplex	Mobile	California Law	CLEMARS 2	N/A	CLEMARS2
155.3400	Simplex	Base/Mobile	EMS		1EMS14	VMED 2
155.3475	Simplex	Base/Mobile	EMS		1EMS15	VMED 3
155.4750	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Law	NALEMARS	1LAW16	VLAW 1
155.4825	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Law		1LAW17	VLAW 2
155.7525	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Any Public Safety	VCALL	1CAL18	VCALL
156.0750	Simplex	Mobile	California Public Safety	CALCORD	N/A	CALCORD
158.7375	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Any Public Safety	VTAC 3	1TAC22	VTAC 3
159.4725	Simplex	Base/Mobile	Any Public Safety	VTAC 4	1TAC23	VTAC 4
UHF						
453.2125	458.2125	Repeater	Any Public Safety	UCALL	4CAL27	UCALL
453.4625	458.4625	Repeater	Any Public Safety	UTAC1	4TAC28	UTAC 1
453.7125	458.7125	Repeater	Any Public Safety	UTAC2	4TAC29	UTAC 2
453.8625	458.8625	Repeater	Any Public Safety	UTAC3	4TAC30	UTAC 3
453.2125	Simplex	Talkaround	Any Public Safety	UCALLa	4CAL27D	UCALL D
453.4625	Simplex	Talkaround	Any Public Safety	UTAC1a	4TAC28D	UTAC 1D
453.7125	Simplex	Talkaround	Any Public Safety	UTAC2a	4TAC29D	UTAC 2D
453.8625	Simplex	Talkaround	Any Public Safety	UTAC3a	4TAC30D	UTAC 3D
460.0250	Simplex	Base/Mobile	California Law	CLEMARS 4	N/A	CLEMARS4
460.0250	465.0250	Repeater	California Law	CLEMARS 5	N/A	CLEMARS5
484.2375	Simplex	Base/Mobile	So. Calif. Law	CLEMARS 22	N/A	CLEMARS22
487.2375	Simplex	Mobile	So. Calif. Fire	LA FDUMA	N/A	LA FDUMA
800 MHz.						
866.0125	821.0125	Repeater	Any Public Safety	ICALL	8CAL90	ICALL
866.2000	821.2000	Repeater	California Law	CLEMARS	N/A	CLEMARS21

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866.2000	Simplex	Base/Mobile	California Law	CLEMARS 22	N/A	CLEMAR22
866.5125	821.5125	Repeater	Any Public Safety	ITAC 1	8TAC91	ITAC 1
866.9125	821.9125	Repeater	California Fire/EMS	FIREMARS 2	N/A	FIREMR 2
866.9125	Simplex	Base/Mobile	California Fire/EMS	FIREMARS 2D	N/A	FIREMR2D
867.0125	822.0125	Repeater	Any Public Safety	ITAC 2	8TAC92	ITAC 2
867.5125	822.5125	Repeater	Any Public Safety	ITAC 3	8TAC93	ITAC 3
868.0125	823.0125	Repeater	Any Public Safety	ITAC 4	8TAC94	ITAC 4
866.0125	Simplex	Talkaround	Any Public Safety	ICALL	8CAL90D	ICALL D
866.5125	Simplex	Talkaround	Any Public Safety	ITAC 1	8TAC91D	ITAC 1D
867.0125	Simplex	Talkaround	Any Public Safety	ITAC 2	8TAC92D	ITAC 2D
867.5125	Simplex	Talkaround	Any Public Safety	ITAC 3	8TAC93D	ITAC 3D
868.0125	Simplex	Repeater	Any Public Safety	ITAC 4	8TAC94D	ITAC 4D
868.5125	823.5125	Repeater	California Law	CLEMARS 9	N/A	CLEMAR9
868.5125	Simplex	Base/Mobile	California Law	CLEMARS 8	N/A	CLEMAR8
868.9875	823.9875	Repeater	California Fire/EMS	FIREMARS	N/A	FIREMARS
868.9875	Simplex	Base/Mobile	California Fire/EMS	FIREMARS D	N/A	FIREMARD

Note: Blue font designates California only Interoperability Channels

George explained that some people, certainly those in the fire service, would be familiar with the numonics for the interoperability channels. The focus of the numonics is to fit into handheld radios. There was (user) dissatisfaction and so this is an effort to make it better for people. The list also tries to roll in the legacy mutual aid channels. Everyone was asked to think about what will be the best way to go. State OES would like to have one procedure for all these interoperability channels.

Comment: As you are aware, the FCC has standardized the medical channels. When narrowbanding the lower and upper will there be confusion of having multiple channels with very similar names?

Response: Personally, I do not like numonics. There will be 30 medical channels when we get to narrowbanding. This came out of FIREScope. They weren't trying to take anyone else's channels away. Sounds like overall we need to gather lots of opinions on this.

Comment: The FCC has already named those channels and now they are trying to massage it.

Comment: There's been some discussion about 700 MHz and where that is going. Please comment.

Response: That is locked up until February 17, 2009 in populated areas. Fresno could deploy a system as soon as a plan is approved. What happens is that TV broadcasters are still using those channels.

Additional Comment: It was noted that a request for Fresno County has already been submitted.

Comment: This has been an issue for Merced County. We talk about interoperability but we don't have operability.

Response: We're hoping to make a case on behalf of the whole state. The state has many pockets with operability problems and those need to be addressed before we can have statewide interoperability. The State does suggest migrating equipment towards P25 standards based equipment. Then you can play on existing systems and still work toward where you want to go.

III. Action Planning for Regional Interoperability

The purpose of this agenda item was to begin to create a group action plan. Before getting into the action planning exercise Julia asked participants to take a moment and think about what success of the group might look like. Comments shared include:

Responses to: What Group Success Looks Like

- Policies/funding mechanisms in place
- Leadership
- Overall consistency (start nice then deviate)
- Strategic approvals

She then had everyone take a few minutes to answer the following questions:

- 1 What is your definition of political buy-in? Take a minute to write on a piece of paper what that means to you?
- 2 How will we know if we have political buy-in? How will we gauge our success? What measures would you use? Your criteria for later consideration.

Responses to: What is Political Buy-In? Why is it needed?

- Need it to continue work (especially if \$ dries up)
- Helps to stay the course
- Need clear direction from the top
- Would be helpful to have Resolutions (to support efforts)
- Education and understanding (of Operability and Interoperability) is needed
- Political leaders should know and understand vulnerabilities, strengths and weaknesses
- Ideal would be to have political leaders internalize interoperability as a goal to the point where what they want to do is 'their own idea'
- (Region's) Operational Plan should be signed by all signatories

Building on the information shared and what individuals wrote down participants then began to fill out a large chart as seen below. The focus was how to achieve political buy-in.

Achieving Political Buy-In			
Who	Why	What	When
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board of Supervisors ○ City Councils ○ Chiefs of Police ○ Sheriffs ○ Regulatory Orgs such as NTIA and FCC ○ Dispatch center comm supervisors ○ Legislators (state) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They make decisions ○ Need their authorization ○ Want them to advocate (for us) ○ Can give personnel commitment ○ Can facilitate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commit Dollars ○ Resources as a whole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider who is in power & plan accordingly

assembly) o Finance Departments o Persons with Signature authority	collaboration with various groups/regions		
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Next participants broke up into small groups. They were asked to take what had been shared so far and to build on it; creating a plan for action.

The groups then **reported out**:

Group 2 (reported out first)

STEP 1: Local public safety communications plan

Supports Interoperability Solution

- Draft document
- Includes local players & state representation

Tasks:

- Refine Plan
- Dovetail w state plan
- Dovetail w NIMS/ICS
- Plan should be scaled

Resources:

- Stakeholders in communications area

Timeline: 2 yrs: 1/07 thru 12/08

STEP 2: Op Plan Training

Tasks:

- Define func responsibility
- Course development
- Training plan
- Operational exercises

Resources:

- Staff
- Money to fund; including sites

Timeline: 1 year

STEP 3: Area Integration

Focus: Madera, Kings, Tulare, State and Federal Resources; the MURAC area

STEP 4:

Integration Consistent with the State's Plan

Group 3

- o Buy-in Focused (for the region)

- Need more representatives from some areas
- Rotate meeting location
- Resources: Department Heads should do the outreach to their colleagues/ counterparts
 - Fire→Fire
 - Police→Police
 - Sheriff→Sheriff
- Board of Supervisors: Create an educational outreach program geared to their level.
- Planning Coordination: Need outlying counties – they can take information they gather at the regional CALSIEC meeting and bring it back to their local groups.

Group 4

- Practitioner driven approach
 - All involved
- Identify a governing body
 - Hierarchy
 - Points of Contact
- Foster Collaboration
- Hold forums for Political leaders
- Need State representatives and/or aides at Statewide CALSIEC.
- Move toward standards based, shared systems (i.e. P25)
- Need consistent representation
 - The group needs a list of members; they should call each other
 - Identify common members

Group 1

Many points of discussion similar to others

- Council of Government – could be a vehicle
- Those at the lower levels could figure out what to push up.

IV. TICP Planning

Bill DeCamp, DGS, talked about Tactical Interoperability Communication Plans (TICPs) and he went through a number of handouts, including full TICP guidelines from Homeland Security. This includes scenarios to consider and covers everything at the state level and at the planning level.

Bill encouraged everyone to comment on the documents at the next group meeting.

Bill then explained that (State) Homeland Security wants to know what those in the Central Valley area think makes most sense as far as the number of TICPs in the area. What areas besides Fresno (where a TICP has already been drafted as part of the UASI effort) would be appropriate to have a TICP?

Bill also explained that the State is working on getting a contractor on board to help people get their TICP information together. This help includes about 5 meetings with the contractor.

Participants suggested that the Central Valley have just one TICP. The original TICP was really an inventory, but it has evolved and it needs to be expanded upon. A suggestion was made to take a look at other recently completed TICPs. San Diego County was mentioned as a good example.

V. Charter

Julia explained that comments from the last meeting were incorporated into the charter but that it is the group's document and whatever group members want in it is what should be included.

There was some discussion on the idea of the CALSIEC regional groups being organized across the state by four (4) regions (currently the case) versus migrating into six (6) regions so as to be in line with the state Mutual Aid system. The consensus from the discussion was that it would be better to stay aligned with the mutual aid system (6 groups). It was noted that the recommendation is helpful as it can be taken forward to the statewide CALSIEC meeting.

Participants felt most of the charter was fine. There were a few changes:

Decision Making –

- Will it be people in the room versus all representatives? A recommend was made to include members not in attendance when voting.
- After discussion the group agreed this question needed more thought and it would be determined at the next meeting.

Leadership – There was some discussion as to the role of the chair. Julia explained that the full CALSIEC plans to amend charter so each planning area has a seat on a new statewide steering committee and that the chair of this group would sit on that committee.

- Possible Central Valley Planning Area Chairs: Paul Gonzalez, Caltrans; Mike Drogdon;

Those interested in the Chair or Vice Chair position should talk with their supervisors and if interested please contact Julia Lee.

Membership –

- Change Media to Public Information
- Add: NGOs; State Military; Tribal; Support Organizations such as the National Weather Service (NWS); Federal Rep.

Next everyone went over whether or not they wanted to be the representative for the group. The following is a list of those who confirmed they want to be official members of the group. (still needs to be filled in)

VI. Wrap Up, Next Steps

Group members decided to form a new workgroup: The Radio Interoperability Work Group. They will meet on 12/20 at 1:30pm at the Fresno City Yard.

Radio Interoperability Work Group Members:

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| 1) Dottai | Mike | Comm Mgr. | Fresno City |
| 2) Munro | Jim | Officer | Clovis PD |
| 3) Rau | Mark | Com Mgr | Clovis PD |
| 4) Caporale | Phil | Lieutenant | Fresno County Sheriff |

5)	Gonzales	Paul	Regional Engineer	CALTRANS ORC
6)	Lafferty	Sam	Telecom Maintenance Supervisor	DGS Telecom, Fresno
7)	Smith	Clay	Battalion Chief	Kings County Fire
8)	Jones	David	EMS Coordinator	County of Fresno
9)	Duran	Ron	EMS Specialist	Merced County EMS
10)	Downing	John	Telecomm Engineer	County of Fresno

As far as moving toward an Operability Plan there was agreement that a first step is to look at Fresno's TICP as well as other TICPs.

For getting other people to the meetings: Each person should invite who you think should attend. Tell people about the CALSIEC regional group at local meetings. Need S.O.'s Sara and Julia will work with Phil on this outreach.

The next meeting of the full Central Valley CALSIEC Regional Group was confirmed for February 8, 10am – 1pm, Clovis Fire.

For future meetings the possibility of videoconferencing was raised. Videoconferencing could be helpful in (at least) two ways. 1) Central Valley members could use videoconferencing to attend the Statewide CALSIEC meetings (which rotate location). 2) Those in outlying area of the region might be able to conference in to the regional meetings. Caltrans has video conferencing capabilities and Paul Gonzalez will talk to his supervisor about it.

The next statewide CALSIEC meeting will be held in February, 2007. Check the calsiec.org website for updated information.

Lee Harjo, CHP, noted that he is going to move positions to headquarters and his replacement will need to get up to speed with the group.

Julia and Sarah thanked everyone for their hard work and the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING SIGN-IN (SEE NEXT PAGE)

Signin 12-12-06 CALSIEC Central Valley Planning Area

(x= attended before, new= first meeting)

x	Alvis	Ken	Comm Mgr.	Kern County
x	Armstrong	Marion	PSDSI CHP	CHP
new	Berendsen	Joe	Sr. Telecom tech	DGS Telecom
x	Caporale	Phil	Lieutenant	Fresno County Sheriff
x	De Camp	Bill	Sr Telecom Engr	DGSTD
x	Dottai	Mike	Comm Mgr.	Fresno City
x	Downing	John	Telecomm Engineer	County of Fresno
new	Duran	Ron	EMS Specialist	Merced County EMS
x	Feryan	Matt		OES-Fresno Co.
x	Gaad	Allen	Lt.	CSUF P.D.
new	Gonzales	Paul	Regional Engineer	Caltrans ORC
x	Gudgel	Daniel	Meteorologist	Natl Weather Svc
x	Harjo	Lee	Lt.	CHP Fresno
x	Johnson	Mark	Fire Captain	CDF Fresno
x	Jones	David	EMS Coordinator	County of Fresno
x	Krstic	Mario	Chief of Police	Farmersville P.D.
x	Lafferty	Sam	Telecommunications Maintenance Supervisor	DGS Telecom, Fresno
x	Lee	Julia	Facilitator	CSUS-CCP
x	Lemas	Traci	Lieutenant	CHP/Merced
x	McHatton	Jake	Com Officer	CDF F.P. Telecom
new	Mendenhall	Steve	Meteorologist in Charge	National Weather Service
x	Munro	Jim	Officer	Clovis PD
x	Myers	Matt	EMS Specialist	County of Fresno
x	Pennington	Bill	Asst. Chief Telecom	CA OES
x	Rau	Mark	Com Mgr	Clovis PD
x	Reese	Cedric	Volunteer	CERT Fresno
x	Rubin	Sarah	Facilitator	CSUS-CCP
x	Semonious	Ted	Captain	Fresno Fire
x	Smith	Clay	Battalion Chief	Kings County Fire
new	Watsan	Lori	PSDS	CHP Fresno
x	Zeigler	Holly	Project Manager	State OES