

Executive Order No. 39- 2008

**EXTENDING THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the public safety of citizens and public safety responders of Montana is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, inter- and intra-jurisdictional interoperable public safety communications are critical to the mission of protecting the safety of citizens and public safety responders of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the State's public safety communications infrastructure is rapidly changing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Communications Commission are adopting changes to enhance public safety interoperable communications; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Interoperability Executive Advisory Council ("SIEC") and the Interoperability Montana Project Directors ("IMPD") have developed the radio and data interoperability standard for Montana through Concept Demonstration Plans I and II as the Montana-wide interoperability standard; and

WHEREAS, the SIEC and IMPD fostered local, tribal, state, and federal agency cooperative efforts for Montana-wide communications interoperability; and

WHEREAS, elected and appointed officials have the responsibility for completing the interoperable communications objectives of Montana's Homeland Security Strategic Plan and the approved State Communications Interoperability Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby extend the Statewide Interoperability Executive Advisory Council (SIEC), as amended.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the SIEC is to assist the IMPD in completing the interoperable communications requirements of Montana's Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP) and State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).

To that end the SIEC shall:

- A. report to the Chief Information Officer, provided for in § 2-17-511, MCA, and the Governor showing how the SIEC has assisted the IMPD in meeting the goals and objectives of the HSSP and the IMPD;

- B. provide member recommendations to the Chief Information Officer on regional and Montana-wide interoperability strategies to complete the objectives of the HSSP and SCIP;
- C. develop recommendations to the Chief Information Officer for legislation to assist the IMPD in meeting HSSP and SCIP interoperable communications goals and objectives;
- D. develop and foster relationships with local, state, tribal, federal, international, and non-governmental agencies that will assist in achieving HSSP and SCIP objectives; and
- E. identify, study, examine, and advise the Chief Information Officer and IMPD on policy matters, leading edge technology, and other developments in the field of interoperable communications that will assist in achieving HSSP and SCIP objectives.

II. COMPOSITION

A. The SIEC shall consist of eleven (11) voting members appointed by the Governor and other non-voting, ex-officio members as follows:

- 1. the Director of the Department of Administration (or designee) who shall serve as chair;
- 2. the Attorney General (or designee from the Department of Justice) who shall serve as Vice-Chair;
- 3. a representative of county government;
- 4. a representative of municipal government;
- 5. a representative of county law enforcement;
- 6. a representative of municipal law enforcement;
- 7. a representative of a paid fire department;
- 8. a representative of a volunteer fire department;
- 9. a representative of the emergency medical services community;
- 10. a representative of the 9-1-1 community; and
- 11. a tribal representative.

Non-voting, ex-officio members:

- 1. the Directors of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Corrections; the Department of Public Health and Human Services; and the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; the Executive Director of the Department of Livestock; and the Adjutant General of the Department of Military Affairs (or their designees);
- 2. a representative from the Disaster and Emergency Services Division of the Department of Military Affairs;
- 3. two federal agency representatives, selected by the Director of the Department of Administration; and
- 4. the Chief of Staff of the Governor's Office (or designee).

B. The SIEC is attached to the Department of Administration for administrative purposes. The Information Technology Services Division of the Department of Administration will provide technical, administrative, and day-to-day assistance to the SIEC.

C. The names and addresses of the members appointed by the Governor shall be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State and the Department of Administration.

III. COMPENSATION

- A. Except as provided in III. B., council members eligible for compensation under § 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be compensated in an amount to be determined by the Department head, not to exceed \$50 for each day in which the member is actually and necessarily engaged in performance of Council duties. All members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to § 2-15-122(5), MCA.
- B. Federal agency representatives may not be reimbursed by the State of Montana for compensation or travel expenses.

IV. DURATION

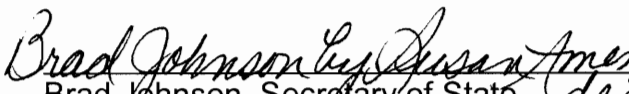
The SIEC shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order unless otherwise ordered by subsequent Executive Order.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 13 day of November, 2008.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:


Brad Johnson, Secretary of State *deputy*