

Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council

JOINT NPSCC & FIRSTNET WORKING GROUP MEETING

July 23, 2018 1:00 PM (CST) COUNTRY INN & SUITES

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5353 N. 27TH STREET LINCOLN, NE

Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
Mike	Foley	Lt. Governor	X
Phil	Brazelton	Tri-County PET Region	X
Roger	Foster	League of Municipalities	X
Kevin	Garvin	Northeast PET Region	X
Ike	Brown	Southwest PET Region	X
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central PET Region	X
Adam	Matzner	State Fire Marshal	X
Tom	Nutt	Nebraska Association of County Officials	X
Mark	Rempe	North Central PET Region	X
Ray	Richards	Panhandle PET Region	
Jon	Rosenlund	South Central PET Region	X
Ray	Ryan	Southeast PET Region	X
Kevin	Ryan	Nebraska State Patrol	X
Jayne	Scofield	Office of the Chief Information Officer	X
Craig	Stover	Game and Parks Department	X
Bryan	Tuma	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Chair	X
David	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	X

Others in attendance:

Kimberly Kusek, Stan Shewer, Russ Stanczyk, Lon Renner, William Lundt, Adam Motzny, Troy Harris, David Sankey, Kevin Garvin, Sandy Massey, Lynn Marshall, Brian Daake, Jake Carrel, Lesiz Dickson, Neil Sullivan, Steve Cody, Ben Leseberg, Nikki Weber, Erik Shanau, Garrett Doyle, David Sleeter, R. Zeigler, W. Muldoon, James Lundsted, Matthew May, Bob Nord, Jim Weede, Carla Jones, Jeff Clauson, Shelly Holzerland, Quinn Lewandowski, Kate Speck, Ryan Lowry, LingLing Sun, Mark DeKraai, Chris Jones.

II. Welcome, Introductions, and Open Meeting Law Information

Bryan Tuma, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM Central Daylight Time. Mr. Tuma verified public notice and availability of copy of law in the meeting location – NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 THROUGH 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007)

III. Approval of Minutes

Ike Brown made a motion to approve the April 13, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Weeda; the motion passed by a majority vote, with one abstaining vote, and no dissenting votes.

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IV. Approval of NPSCC 2017 Annual Report

The 2017 Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council Annual Report summarizing all 2017 NPSCC activities were emailed to all members for review. Feedback and changes were gathered from the membership and included in the updated document presented. A motion was made to approve the 2017 Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council Annual Report by Jon Rosenlund, motion was seconded by Phil Brazelton. Motion carries by unanimous vote with no abstaining votes and no dissenting votes.

V. FIRSTNET Update: Bob Wilhelm

Garrett Doyle from ATT presented on the status of FirstNet. As a review, FirstNet offers broadband through AT&T and will have certified applications that are guaranteed to not have viruses or security issues because they have been vetted. The application store will contain programs for voice of Long Term Evolution (LTE), situational awareness apps to share text messages or pictures, push-to-talk abilities with secure and encrypted connections, and more. FirstNet is not mandated by the state, so agencies cannot be forced to use these applications. However, there are penalties for lack of adoption so many will choose to utilize these offerings.

FirstNet will be launching and progress is underway. ATT has received the nationwide contract and will be the provider of FirstNet. The project buildout is anticipated to take five years, and will have hundreds of cell sites throughout the state. Garret did not present his PowerPoint presentation, however, he stated he will be emailing the presentation to the members.

VI. Review of NPSCC Executive Order

(Copy of NPSCC Executive Order were placed as an attachment on these minutes)

The board members reviewed the provided executive order draft to verify that this is the order contained the structure they envisioned from the conversations of the last joint meeting. The main purposes of this executive order are:

1. Rescind Executive Order 12-01; signed October 18, 2012 by Governor Dave Heineman.
2. Revise the role of the Statewide Wireless Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) to the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Committee.
3. Defines the role of the State Homeland Security Director with respect to communication and interoperable communication requirements; identifies NEMA as the agency to support the State Homeland Security Director and the SWIC on wireless communication and interoperability requirements for the State of Nebraska.
4. Reinforces the role of the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Committee as an advisory group to assist the State Homeland Security Director on wireless communication and interoperability issues.

The following revisions were proposed:

1. Emphasizes the role of two working groups:

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- a. Broadband Working Group to act as an advisory board to address issues related to the coordination of FirstNet.
 - b. State Emergency Communications Committee to maintain the State Emergency Alert System Plan for the State of Nebraska.
2. Expands the membership of the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Committee from sixteen members, to twenty-two members.

a. CURRENT MEMBER LIST

Lieutenant Governor
NEMA
Nebraska State Patrol
Game and Parks
PET Comm Rep x 8
League of Municipalities
Fire Marshal
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials
OCIO

b. PROPOSED MEMBER LIST

Governor's Office
NEMA
Nebraska State Patrol
Game and Parks
PET Comm Rep x 8
League of Municipalities
Fire Marshal
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials
OCIO
Broadband Working Group x 1
NRIN Government Systems x 1
Public Service Commission 911 Department
SRS – State Users Group x 1
State Emergency Communications
Committee x1
Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) x1

3. Inter-local agreement-par. C was eliminated from the amended document.
- a. Synopsis 2.c
 - i. Remove section 2c and the reference to the SUG as an advisory board
 - ii. Remove the State User Group (SUG) box from the flow chart
 - b. Synopsis 3.b.
 - i. Add "A Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) representative, who shall be appointed by the NPPD Chief Executive Officer." to the list as it is reflected in line f on the second page of the NPSCC draft Executive order.
 - c. NPSCC Executive Order
 - i. Change the first line on page 2 to read "The NPSCC shall have two standing subcommittees intended to provide information and recommendations to the NPSCC on matters related to interoperability"
 - ii. Under that sentence remove section c referencing the SUG.
 - iii. Revise item k to say "One Representative of the Statewide Radio System Users Group (hereinafter "SUG"), who shall be appointed by the Statewide Radio System Operating Group (SOG).

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NEMA must submit a request to the Governor's Office for an additional FTE to address the SWIC and FirstNet duties. The EMPG grant and soft match funds will pay the salary for this position. The SLIGP grant would be available to address activities associated with FirstNet implementation.

Motion made to approve the proposed executive order with the above changes was made by Lon Renner, sub for Dave Webb, motion was seconded by Phil Brazelton. The Motion carried by unanimous vote with no abstaining, or dissenting votes for NPSCC and Working Group.

VII. Review, Discussion, Approval of Statewide Wireless Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Related Documents

(Copy of SWIC Executive Order were placed as an attachment)

As the central coordination point for their state or territory, the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) plays a critical role in a state's interoperability effort. The SWIC works with emergency response leaders across all levels of government to implement a statewide strategic vision for interoperability. As part of this effort, SWICs are responsible for the implementation of the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP), which establishes a vision for interoperability in the state. . NEMA must submit a request to the Governor's Office for an additional FTE to address the SWIC and FirstNet duties. The EMPG grant and soft match funds will pay the salary for this position. The SLIGP grant would be available to address activities associated with FirstNet implementation. Funding for the position is available to support it for 2.5 years as an 80/20 soft match (80% grant funded, 20% state funded). An additional option may be that viable is that FIRSTNET and SWIC be combined to accommodate the money needed for the salary. The duties would need to be defined specific to the requirements of each entity. There is a possibility that the Governor may decide that the position should be an internal fill, meaning that it will be filled by a State of Nebraska employee and will not be a NEMA position. The purpose of the SWIC Executive order is:

1. Establishes the SWIC for the State of Nebraska.
2. The SWIC will:
 - a. Reside as an employee of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.
 - b. Provide administrative support to the State Homeland Security Director (Lieutenant Governor).
 - c. Provide coordination and support to the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Committee, and the standing work groups associated with the NPSCC.

Specific duties of the SWIC in the executive order:

Provide assistance to stakeholders in the development of projects, plans, policies, standards, priorities, and guidelines for interoperable communications to identify opportunities and bridge gaps between efforts;

1. Communicate regularly with all interoperability stakeholders and partners to ensure transparency and information sharing
2. Coordinate information and recommendations from the NPSCC to the Director of Homeland Security and other governing bodies;
3. Serve as the point of contact for the Federal Government and industry on issues concerning statewide interoperable communications, including participation in the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (hereinafter "NCSWIC");
4. The SWIC may act as the state single point of contact (hereinafter "SPOC") with the First Responder

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Network Authority (hereinafter “FirstNet”), or coordinate with the SPOC on issues related to the implementation of the National Public Safety Broadband Network (hereinafter “NPSBN”).

5. Seek guidance, input, and recommendations from the NPSCC regarding the State Communications Interoperability Plan (hereinafter “SCIP”) and be responsible for the regular update of the SCIP.
6. Facilitate communications among responders during emergencies by providing support to NEMA and the Office of the Chief Information Officer who has been designated as Emergency Support Function (ESF) #2 (Communications) in the State Emergency Operations Plan;
7. Perform all other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Assistant Director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

NEMA submitted the SWIC issue as an Agency Issue with our FY 2019-21 budget request. Members of NPSCC met with the Governor’s Office and the Budget Office on August 8, 2018. The proposal is being reviewed by the Budget Office who will make a recommendation to the Governor.

Bill Lundy made a motion to approve the SWIC Executive Order, and Ike Brown seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted,

NPSCC: Yes=16, No=0, Abstain=0

Working Group: Yes=11, No =1, Abstain=0

At this point in time there is no definitive approval of the request.

VIII. Homeland Security---James Lundsted

OEC partners with Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWICs) to help advance communications capabilities at the state level. The SAFECOM Nationwide Survey (SNS) ended in March. The SNS was a nationwide data collection effort to obtain actionable and critical data that drives our nation’s emergency communication policies, programs, and funding. SAFECOM will leverage information collected to identify gaps and inform development of the program’s strategic priorities; and will assist the Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) to execute the Nationwide Communication Baseline Assessment.

James talked about organizational interoperability, and stressed that when there is interoperability in place the communication is more effective and results in more positive outcomes. In-building coverage continues to be a challenge, and it is necessary to use tactical radio to maintain communication for emergency personnel. James also spoke on DHS’ Wireless Priority Service (WPS), which is intended to be used in an emergency or crisis situation when the wireless network is congested and the probability of completing a normal call is reduced. WPS is an add-on feature to existing cellular service. WPS provides priority on the radio connection between the user’s cellular device and the cell tower, and provides priority processing in the core wireless networks.

IX. Nebraska State Emergency Communications Update – Rod Zeigler

Rod guided the membership through a synopsis of changes from the 2017 Nebraska State EAS Plan to the newly updated 2018 Nebraska State EAS plan. The 2018 Nebraska State EAS Plan was emailed to all members for review. This plan has been further updated from the 2017 version by adding minor

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clarifications, cleaned up minor typos, and added the result of the Multi-lingual Alert Survey Results per FCC requirement passed down in May 2018.

Rod also stated that the FCC is also now requiring every EAS must submit paperwork within 24 hours of a broadcast of a false alert. Since the 2018 Hawaii false missile alert, there has been a large emphasis on verification due to false alert reporting.

a. Approval of the 2018 NE State EAS Plan

Mark Rempe made a motion to approve the 2018 Nebraska State EAS Plan with the proposed changes; the motion was seconded by Ed Toner.

Roll call vote was called,

NPSCC: Yes=16, No=0, Abstain=0

Working Group: Yes=12, No =0, Abstain=0

Motion carried by unanimous vote with no abstaining votes and no dissenting votes.

X. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Report - Bryan Tuma

Bryan Tuma presented that the process related the Investment Justification of the 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is complete. NEMA is now just waiting on the federal approval.

On September 27-29, 2018, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, in cooperation with North Platte Fire Department, is hosting a Hazardous Materials and Local Emergency Planning Committee Conference in North Platte at the Quality Inn, Sandhills Convention Center. Additional details on registration, speakers, and training opportunities will be coming. Please pass this along to anyone who may be interested in attending.

XI. Comments

There were no member comments

XII. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public

XIII. Next meeting

The next meeting date will be determined and announced at a later date.

XIV. Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn by Jon Rosenlund. The motion was seconded by Ray Ryan; the motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote. Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm CST.

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acronym	Meaning
CASM	Communications Assets Survey and Mapping
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line
EAS	Emergency Alert System
EM	Emergency Management
EMPG	Emergency Management Performance Grant
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FFO	Federal Funding Opportunity
IJ	Investment Justification
IP	Internet Protocol address
MACH	Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling
MDC	Mobile Data Computer
NACO	Nebraska Association of County Officials
NCOR	Nebraska Council of Regions
NEMA	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NPPD	Nebraska Public Power District
NPSBN	Nebraska Public Safety Broadband Network
NPSCC	Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council
NRIN	Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network
OCIO	Office of the Chief Information Officer
PET	Planning, Exercise, and Training
RFP	Request for proposals
ROC	Regional Operations Common
SECC	State Emergency Communications Committee
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SME	Subject matter expert
SPR	State Preparedness Report
SRS	Statewide Radio System
THIRA	Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis
TEPW	Training, Exercise, Preparedness Workshop
TICP	Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan

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DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER No. XX-XX
ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS
Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council

WHEREAS, Nebraska recognized the importance of public safety and protection of public and private property throughout the state: and

WHEREAS, efficient emergency response is paramount to the safety of Nebraska's citizens and visitors, and for the protection of public and private property throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, emergency responders commonly rely upon radio frequencies and technologies that are often not planned or configured to be interoperable with other systems; and

WHEREAS, interoperable public safety communications between and within jurisdictions is critical to the mission of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the attainment of interoperable communications requires statewide coordination and leadership,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Nebraska, I hereby establish the "Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council (hereinafter "NPSCC").

The NPSCC will function as a Council to operate under the guidance and direction of the State Homeland Security Director. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (herein after "NEMA") will provide administrative support to the Lieutenant Governor and the NPSCC. The State Wireless Interoperability Coordinator (hereinafter "SWIC") shall be employed by NEMA and shall be responsible for the coordination and support of the NPSCC pursuant to the following purposes and charges:

1. Provide for the policy level direction related to the planning and decisions regarding development, operation and sustainability of interoperability in the State of Nebraska;
2. Provide leadership regarding the development of public safety communications within Nebraska;
3. Adopt bylaws for the operation of the Council;
4. Promote interoperability for public safety communications within Nebraska, and with border states;
5. Provide recommendations for the development of protocols, standard operating procedures and guidelines for use of public safety communications systems in Nebraska;
6. Coordinate and provide planning, training and exercise opportunities related to communications interoperability for all necessary and authorized public safety practitioners;
7. Establish working groups, as required, to meet the needs of providing interoperability within Nebraska. NPSCC will provide guidance on recommendations that come from these working groups; and
8. Develop recommendations and strategies for best utilization of public funds, including grants, to improve public safety communications in Nebraska.

The NPSCC shall have three working groups intended to provide information and recommendations to the NPSCC on matters related to interoperability.

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- a. The Broadband Working Group shall consult with Nebraska's stakeholders to identify, plan, and implement the most efficient and effective way to utilize and integrate the infrastructure, equipment, and other architecture associated with the nationwide public safety broadband network to satisfy the broadband service needs of Nebraska, including coverage, siting and other requirements. The Broadband Working Group shall make recommendations to the NPSCC regarding the coordination of public safety user requirements for FirstNet consistent with the Nebraska Public Safety Broadband Network Working Group Charter, which was approved and adopted by the NPSCC on January 27, 2014.
- b. The State Emergency Communications Committee (hereinafter "SECC"), shall write and maintain the official Nebraska State Emergency Alert System (EAS) Plan for Broadcast Stations and Cable Systems consistent with Federal Communication Commission, Rules and Regulations, Section 47 – Part 1, which requires each state to appoint a SECC. The SECC shall address their activities consistent with the Nebraska State Emergency Communications Committee Procedures, adopted June 16, 2011. The NEMA representative to the SECC shall consult with Nebraska stakeholders who coordinate system and user requirements to support the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (hereinafter "IPAWS).
- c. The State Users Group (hereinafter "SUG") is an advisory board comprised of representatives from agencies who utilize the state radio system (SRS). The State of Nebraska shall request the Nebraska Public Power District to coordinate meetings between NPPD officials, state agency SRS users, and local public safety agencies who have opted to utilize the SRS infrastructure for local and regional wireless communication needs. The SUG is intended to identify and resolve issues related to the SRS.

The NPSCC shall be comprised of representatives who have been vested by the appointing authority to represent the following agencies or organizations:

- a. A Nebraska State Patrol representative, who shall be appointed by the Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol;
- b. A Nebraska Game and Parks Commission representative, who shall be appointed by the Commission's Executive Director;
- c. A Nebraska Fire Marshal representative, who shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal;
- d. A Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer representative, who shall be appointed by the Chief Information Officer;
- e. A Nebraska Emergency Management Agency representative, who shall be appointed by the Adjutant General;
- f. A Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) representative, who shall be appointed by the NPPD Chief Executive Officer;
- g. One Representative of each Nebraska Planning, Exercise, and Training Region Communication Committee (here in after "PETCom) , who shall be appointed by their respective region;
- h. One Representative of the Broadband Working Group which is a subcommittee of the NPSCC, who shall be appointed by the membership of said subcommittee.
- i. One Representative of the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (hereinafter "NRIN) Government Council, who shall be appointed by the membership of the NRIN Government Council.

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- j. One Representative of Public Service Commission - State 911 Department, who shall be appointed by the Public Service Commission.
- k. One Representative of the State Radio System – State Users Group (hereinafter “SUG”), who shall be appointed by the Chief Information Officer.
- l. One Representative of the State Emergency Communications Committee which is a subcommittee of the NPSCC, who shall be appointed by the membership of said subcommittee
- m. A Nebraska League of Municipalities Representative; and
- n. A Nebraska Association of County Officials Representative.

No members serving in any capacity on the NPSCC shall be entitled to any compensation or reimbursement for expenses incurred due to their membership on the NPSCC.

The NPSCC shall prepare an annual report for the Governor and the Nebraska Information Technology Commission. Such report shall contain a current assessment of the status of interoperability of public safety in Nebraska, as well as recommendations regarding improvements and enhancements to Nebraska Public Safety Communications.

I hereby order and direct that Executive Orders #12-01 be rescinded, effective as of 12:01 a.m. on XXXXXXXXXXXX. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this day of, 2018.

Pete Ricketts, Governor

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(The following is the Revised draft of Executive order, reflecting the approved changes of the meeting)

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- c. A Nebraska Fire Marshal representative, who shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal;
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- e. A Nebraska Emergency Management Agency representative, who shall be appointed by the Adjutant General;
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this day of , 2018.

Pete Ricketts, Governor

State of Nebraska

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(Revised) DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. XX- XX

ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Statewide Wireless Interoperability Coordinator

WHEREAS, efficient emergency response is paramount to the safety of Nebraska's citizens and visitors, and for the protection of public and private property throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, interoperable public safety communications between and within jurisdictions is critical to the mission of public safety; and

WHEREAS, wireless communications systems must support an ever expanding set of missions, such as responses to domestic terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, requiring coordinated participation from agencies at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, interoperability, or the ability for emergency responders to communicate among jurisdictions, disciplines, and levels of government, using a variety of frequency bands as needed and as authorized, is crucial to responders; and

WHEREAS, the attainment of interoperable communications requires statewide coordination and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Nebraska, I hereby establish the "Statewide Interoperability Coordinator" (hereinafter "SWIC") who shall operate under the guidance and direction of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Consistent with the Executive Order XX-XX, the SWIC shall provide administrative support to the State Homeland Security Director and provide coordination and leadership related to the role of the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Committee (hereinafter "NPSCC"). The SWIC shall be responsible for the coordination and support of the NPSCC, as well as the standing work groups associated with the NPSCC as outlined in Executive Order XX-XX, dated XXXXX.

Other key roles to be fulfilled by the SWIC shall include, but not limited to the following:

- a. Provide assistance to stakeholders in the development of projects, plans, policies, standards, priorities, and guidelines for interoperable communications to identify opportunities and bridge gaps between efforts;
- b. Communicate regularly with all interoperability stakeholders and partners to ensure transparency and information sharing;
- c. Coordinate information and recommendations from the NPSCC to the Director of Homeland Security and other governing bodies;
- d. Serve as the point of contact for the Federal Government and industry on issues concerning statewide interoperable communications, including participation in the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (hereinafter "NCSWIC");
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Network Authority (hereinafter “FirstNet”), or coordinate with the SPOC on issues related to the implementation of the National Public Safety Broadband Network (hereinafter “NPSBN”).

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- g. Facilitate communications among responders during emergencies by providing support to NEMA and the Office of the Chief Information Officer who has been designated as Emergency Support Function (ESF) #2 (Communications) in the State Emergency Operations Plan;
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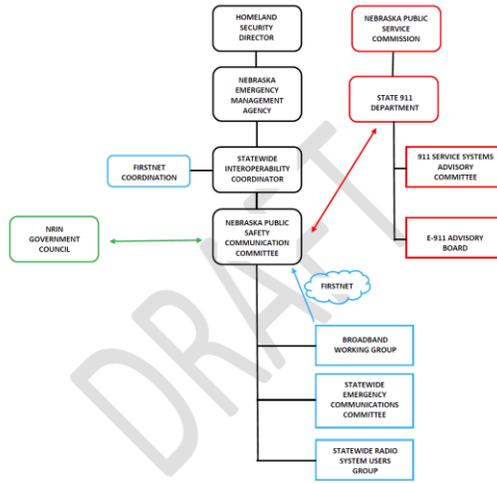
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Pete Ricketts, Governor
State of Nebraska

Attest:

John A. Gale, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska

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FOR THE STATE OF NEBRASKA