

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EO 02-17**

Public safety communication systems, and the ability to readily communicate among all public safety providers, play a critical role in protecting the lives and property of citizens and public safety professionals.

Given that the State's public safety communications infrastructure is rapidly aging and becoming outdated and the Federal Communications Commission is adopting policies and standards that affect communications systems, the State is going to have to make significant investments to upgrade its public safety communication system. These investments must be planned and leveraged in such a way so as to minimize the costs and maximize interoperability of these public safety communication systems.

### **THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:**

1. The Statewide Interoperability Executive Council is hereby created. The membership of the Council shall be comprised as follows:
  - a. Two members of the Legislative Assembly with interest in the subject of public safety and wireless communication systems.
  - b. Twelve additional members appointed by the Governor from the following organizations:
    - i. Oregon State Police
    - ii. Office of Emergency Management
    - iii. Department of Forestry
    - iv. Department of Corrections
    - v. Department of Transportation
    - vi. Department of Administrative Services
    - vii. Department of Human Services (for emergency medical services)
    - viii. Oregon Military Department
    - ix. Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
    - x. Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police
    - xi. Oregon State Sheriff's Association
    - xii. Oregon Association of Public Safety Communications Officials/  
National Emergency Number Association

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- c. The Governor shall appoint a Chair from among the Council members. The Council may elect a Vice Chair from among the Council members to carry out the Chair's duties in his/her absence. The Chair shall establish an agenda and meeting schedule for the Council.
  - d. The State Interoperability Executive Council may vote and elect to accept as council members additional representatives from other agencies or organizations that have an interest in and/or contribution to developing a statewide public safety communication system.
2. The purpose of the State Interoperability Executive Council is to provide policy level direction for matters related to planning, designing and implementing guidelines, best practices, and standard approaches to address Oregon's public safety communications interoperability issues. The Council shall also recommend funding strategies that support development of a statewide system, including seeking federal funding, or other funding, for statewide interoperability. In an effort to improve wireless interoperability in Oregon, the Council shall:
- a. recommend strategies with regard to improving Oregon's wireless interoperability between agencies;
  - b. research and evaluate the best practices for the purchasing of equipment and the sharing of communications infrastructure;
  - c. strive to foster cooperation and improve inter-agency wireless communications among state, federal, and local jurisdictions;
  - d. serve as a central coordination point for local, regional, and national interoperability matters; and
  - e. develop recommendations for legislation or other state action that may be required to further promote wireless interoperability in Oregon.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002.

/s/  
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John A. Kitthaber, M.D.  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

/s/  
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Bill Bradbury  
SECRETARY OF STATE